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BY RICHARD EVANS, LOBBY EDITOR

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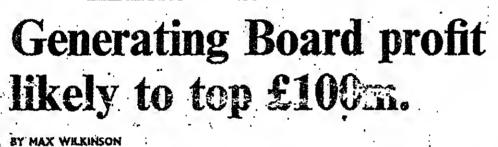
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were decided without consulting Indeed, Mr. Steel and his col-

leagues are convinced that by There was no indication last without a division, for the General Election, their political night that Mr. Healey intends to Government to avoid the standing could he enhanced. increase other taxes at present emharrassment of another Com- Even with a Finance Bill to make up the £300m additional mons defeat. Even with a Finance Bill defeat, petrol prices cannot he reduced until August 5 because

the Liberals backed down last month and approved the Budget



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By Jurek Martin, U.S. Editor

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WASHINGTON, May 5. WHOLESALE PRICES in the United States-rose by 1.1 per cent. last month for the second consecutive month, once again because of higher fuel and fond COSts.

This is the sort of inflationary news that, tt will be argued. adds point to the President'a anti-inflation programme unveiled last month. The Administration has raised its estimate of the underlying rate of inflation from a little under 6 per cent. to ahnut 6.5 per cent.

Recent increases in wholesale prices, which work their way through in due course to the consumer, imply a rate more than double that.

The hope had been that tha surge in wholesale prices earlier in the year reflected the impact of the severe winter, particularly on the price of

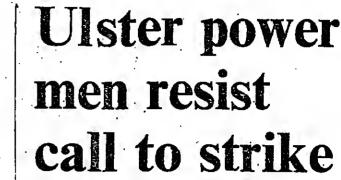
agricultural commudities. But the index for farm products last month rose by a disturbingly high 3.4 per cent. seasonally adjusted. Ponitry and eggs cost more, after having fallen in price in March, and wheat, llyestock, milk, tea and soyaheans all went up.

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The price of fuels rose by 1.4 per cent. during the month, but industrial communities went up hy a more modest, if hy no means satisfactory, 0.6 per cent.-down two percentage points compared with March. If the fuel factor is excluded, industrial commodities rose by

only 0.5 per cent. Over the twelve months unlil the cnd of last month. whnlesale prices rose ky 7.2 per cent, hot much of the in-crease came in the last three months. During the calendar year 1976, for example, the index rose by a much more modest 4.7 per cent.

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commerce were returning to over. normal working and managers Mr. Harry West, leader of the were reporting up to a 100 per official Ulster Uniooist Parly, cent. turn-out of day workers. Intimidation of workers and moh demonstrations in Protes-tant areas and outside factories continued, however, and the United Unionist Action Council has given no indication that it is willing to cell off the strike. His next slep will he to

is willing to call off the strike. His next step will he to The dockers at Larne, who arrange a meeting with Mr. joined the strike at the hegin. Mason to report what the leaders ning, voted to continue their of Protestant opinion want done action. The Rev. Ian Paisley, to improve security against MP, one of the strike leaders, terrorism. said in Armagh: "We are seainst The Ballylumford power

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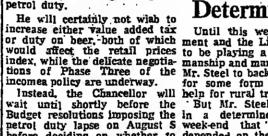
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BY ALAN PIKE, LABOUR STAFF

EASTBOURNE, May 5.

MEMBERS of the Analgamated Wednesday's 50-2 vote for an leaders must decide whether to Uplon of Engineering Workers immediate return to free hargain-or continue their opposition to reader of of July, will cam-or continue their opposition to again for this view to become pay policy unilaterally. It is at this point that moderate- delegates on the National Committee hope that the union, will be expected to reverse-this very close, by 27 votes to .22 to defer any policy between the true and the Government. Metaled decision on the claim Mr. Scanion to remain in the vear. Moderates on the committee talks, although ta view of has side to a complete return to fine union's divisions change talks, although ta view of the side work's decision they may be able to a complete return to the union's divisions change talks, although ta view of the side work's decision at the realist week's decision at the realist or your straine to your of the side work they want the union's divisions change talks, although ta view of the side work to a complete return to the realist week's the claim at the collective organing has side for the Right wing to over-ther wage restraint. Mederates' have against further wage restraint.

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ahle to use that meeting to any purpose in his doing so, overthrow the vote against further wage restraint. Left-wing members wanted yesterday to follow their victory against continued pay controls leaders must now wait lo see form sections. Is certain to adopt leaders must now wait lo see form sections is certain to adopt whether this week's stand against the indiverse to adopt whether this week's stand against the policy of the whole union. The National Conumittee methers to take similar on the tot water the section of the full conference, a more Left-inclined against controls against continued pay controls and the rest week's stand against the anti-pay policy decision as further wage restraint from the the policy of the whole union.

agenda contained motions decisions. demanding that the present if it does the chances of a body than the National Commit-basic skilled rate of £42 be meaningful pay policy emerg-increased to as much as £80. ing from the TUC-Government Although rises in basic rates talks will be very siender. do not produce an reulizatent if in critic of the conder.

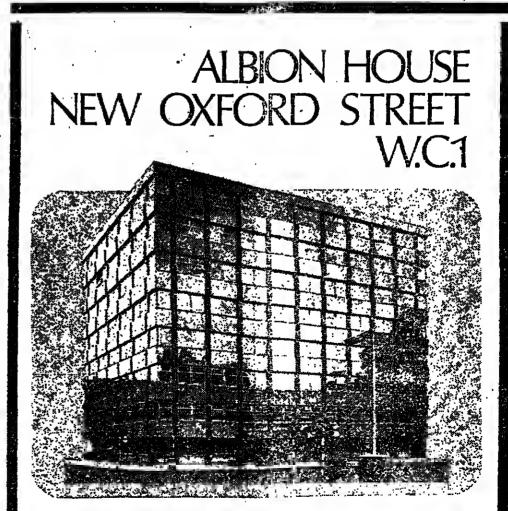
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record has to be matched against other indices which suggest that the economy has recovered sharply from last autumn's "panse" in spite of the difficulties caused by the severe winter.

Mr. Michael Blomenthal, the Treasury Secretary, predicted in New York yesterday that gross national product in the second quarter would advance at an annual rate of 7 per cent. A fistful of indices-most notahly the leading economic indicators and industrial productioo, both well up in recent months-tend to substantiate this view



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BY ANTHONY HARRIS

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BY DOMINIC WIGAN

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BY BEN WRIGH

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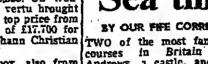
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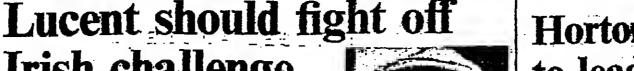
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Sir Michael Stewart will be joining the London Board of SOTHEBY'S on June 1. He was director of the Ditchley Founda-tion from 1971 to 1976. Mr. A. P. M. P. J. Detrie and SORION BANK. Mr. Detrie joins ORION BANK. Mr. Detrie joins from the Saudi Industrial Develop-tion from 1971 to 1976. Mr. Alan R. Attwood has been director.

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has been made works manager in place of Mr. Cooper. 1 -London hranch,

Mr. P. J. Garner has been ap-pointed to the Board of HALLITE HOLDINGS.

Mr. Jay L. Dalgetty has been elected a director of ESSO CHEMICAL and will be responsible for the ethylene cracker which the company is to huild at Mossmorran.

Mr. J. E. Hinde has been ep-pointed e director of the TECH. NOLOGY INVESTMENT TRUST.

Mr. D. T. Angus has been ap-pointed local director of BAR-CLAYS BANK INTERNATIONAL, Nassau, Bahamas,

Mr. Norman Davis has been Mr. Nurman Davis has heen sppointed chairman of the SAND AND GRAVEL ASSOCIATION in place of Mr. J. Stanleigh Turner. Mr. W. J. Sheppard has heen made vice-chairman. Mr. Stanleigh Turner has become president, suc-ceeding Mr. H. E. Petrce, who is now honorary vice-president.

alternate director to Mr. Dale H. manager.... Austic on the Board of the com-pany. Mr. Peter L. Raven, Mr. R. W. Certildge, financial (AUSTRALIA).

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ment Fund, and Mr. Jackman was COUNCIL. He is that previously with the Royal Bank Industrial Officer of the of Canada. sponsible for water supply

Mrs. Terence French has been appointed an assistant vice-president of MANUFACTURERS has made the following " HANOVER TRUST COMPANY ment appointments. Mr. is and will he head of planning and becomes e director and a development in the bank's at Aston Cross. Birn from May 8 and will be and

evelopment in the bank's at Aston Cross, Birm ondon hranch. Mr. Nigel Whittaker has been Warrington hrevery by Mr.

appointed company secretary of Cox. From August 1, 10 the BRITISH SUGAR CORPORA. Fertusion takes over a TION. He succeeds Mr. A. J. F. created position of regime Brown, who is now assistant duction and distribution d chief executive. for the Leeds and Wart

chief executive. Mr. A. J. W. S. Leonard has Leeds hrewery directer been appointed a non-executive manager hy Mr. Reger director of NORCROS. Mr. David Gerrard has been becomes regional pointed tor from May 9.

Mr. David Gerrard has been appointed a director of WESTECH INSTRUMENTATION SYSTEMS. He was previously with George Mellor. * Mr. R. C. Horstey has baen ap-pointed operations director of FISHER PRICE TOYS-EUROPE. For the last 12 years he has been transport controller of the Rank Organisation. *

Mr. R. C. H. Wales, paid manager of VOKES.

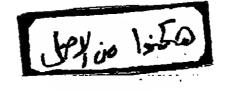
place of Mr. J. Stanleigh Turner.
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Mr. Finn W. Arnesen, formerly r director of Hambros Bank, bas joined the EUROPEAN BANKING tor with apecial responsibilities for Scandinevia.
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Stresses and strains by NIGEL ANDREWS

long-awaited Interim Action mmittee: the body that will-kider whether any or all of-Raport's proposals should be repted and, if accepted, in at ways they might be plemented.

s there any sphere of activity Britain in which the wheels bureaucracy turn more slowly n in the film industry? The ure of the British cinema has eady been nibbled away by lost two years of inaction ce the Prime Minister's Work-Parity first sat out to investice the Prime Minister's Work. Party first set out to investi-e it. How long will it be 'ore the "Interim" Action mmittee begets an Action mmittee proper? And how og after that before the Action. mmittee proper begets what a might delicately call some ion? . jon?

While officialdom continues its. ill-like progress, let us give a ind of applause to tha Associ-on of Independent Producers, ody I have noted approvingly these columns before and ich has letely come up with ne proposals that seem to me - brighter and more original

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Her quest introduces her to such contemporary Knights of the Roed as e pornographic film-maker and e fantasy-hungry psycho-analyst: and the fictional story itself is punchasted with mock-serious, mock-"real," inter-views with assorted obscena "phone callers. Finally she meets her here, and the Sim and the The Entertainment

ber hero, end tha film ends the only way it properly — or im-properly—could, in a transport (my nomination is Miss Black's of sexuel ecstasy in adjacent belpful advice to Reed: "Now's telephone boxes. as good a time as any to start nn The film is aix years old and your doctorate") and director has hitherto been kept off our Dan Curtis tries bravely but un-screens for censorship reasons. successfully to conceal the film'e Like most work produced under inanites behind swathes of screens for censorship reasons. successfully to conceal the film'e Like most work produced inder inanites behind swathes of the aegis of Warhol, it rejolees Gothic etmosphere end a thickly in a deadpan scattiness that is at best very funny. Studded with comic throwaways like the motion

fasher who runs in terror when his female victim "figsbes" back. Two excellent new seasons at or the obacene 'phone-caller who the National Film Theetre merit rastructures a diministers a throat your attention. The letest bene-spray before going to work, the ficiary of the NFT's survey of film wanders its light-beaded, major Hollywood studios is solemnly inconsequantial way Twentieth Century Fox: part one through the perfumed garden of 1970's sexuel devianey, and only in the animated sequence nsed to scene-complete with gaining in addition to such unit areas fastidionsly administers a throat your attention. The letest bene

comicerotic effects and briefly lose its touch.
 the conscience of the film strain after its Hackmao, lost legends of the past like Theda Bara, Betty Grable, Sonja Henie and Carmen Miranda.
 the management offerings, by contrast, strains itself silly from the word in the end of May is a season of the theatre where this week's real old buffer if Ralpb Richard- new Spanish films; chosen to replay in tow, who rent a contry since 1960 and produced in the did and mother construction for the summar holidays and find that it construct William Douglas Home pley was son lost bis grip for a moment in tandem with an excellent new BFT publication on the aubject, comes complete with a family Vicente Molina-Foix's New Cinema In Spain.
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Lalandi/Kuijken by NICHOLAS KENYON

Ever since the first Englisb tive touch is a powerful advocate Bach Festival fourteen years for its special qualities. Quite ago, Lina Lalandi has included epart from the fact that sbe a concert in which she herself plays with natural skill, ber a concert in which she herself plays with natural skill, ber performs during the Festival she interformances show that she is interforms during the Festival she interformed for real musical know. chordist, clavichordist, organist, ledga and practical accomplish.



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Roger Sloman in The Birmingham Repertory Theatre's 'Measure Measure,' which opened last night at the Lyttelton Theatre

The Kingfisher

by JEREMY KINGSTON

spread with cake and scones, love and becoming bewitchingly The tree bas also sbadowed his drunk on creme de menthe. And life for on a rug beneath is drink on creme de mentre. And life for on a rug beneath it, though the drama is no more fifty years ego, he missed bis than slight, these three septua-chance with a young girl who genarians are people thet one went off to wed another. Now comes to thick of kiedly. the rival has died, dropped dead on a golf course, the widow has been invited to call in after the DDC lacing here Weyers

BBC launches 'Young

The play is one of Mr. Home's BBC TV has launched a nation-

Musician of the Year' contest



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by ANTHONY CURTIS Falle

It is Joan's most implacable sional lines of dialect with which emy the Earl of Warwick who Shaw peppered the dett-"Ah is us of bis delight in the new call that muck!", Th'art not of the book "with illuminated King yet. Lad; th'art, nobhut tures cunningly, inset." In tDamphin"—she takes, as her pearance the Prospect Theatre dominant tone and builds the mpany's production of Saint part np from this base. She his an directed by John Dove with moments of great facial pithos ich they begin their season at with her frizzed curis and her old Vic resembles a solemn mits staring eyes; her silences juence of such mediaeval are more eloquent than her rhe-iminations into which animate toric. Even so this commonsen-e has been breathed Against sical Lancashire lass tugs at our dark interiors of castle and hearbstrings during her trial. thedral the various personnies. She signed her confission like the drama are brilliantly de-hack to a juddering frenetic life habit. The huge ruby in the is sha tore it up in recantation ig of the Archbishop of when she realised the full signif-teins transfixes our gaze as it is to her knees to kiss his he. All this is niterly traditional ance of the evening. He pos-id utterly appropriate for this sesses what must be the most powerful behind a proscenium of articulation of enyone now ork. Its arguments remain just perfectly modulated Instrument powerful behind a proscenium of articulation of envone now powerful behind a proscenium of articulation of envone now ch as they do on a more working on our stage and it is odish thrust stage. Indeed the used here to expond the rly scenes positively require doctrine that heresy must be visual framework for the ruthlessly exterminated with a iracles which they present, and quiet authoritative reasonable the wind changed direction ness that is really frightening. did the fluttering flag on the nk of the Loire. None of the other cheractars quite strike the terror of these None of the other cheractars quite strike the terror of these nk of the Loize.
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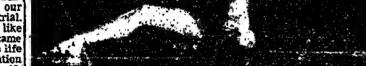


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by ELIZABETH FORBES

Concerts devoted entirely to Juan Barker conducted. He eding chunks af Wagner are has worked an the Rinn for so longer much in fashion; but many years with Reginald Goodall that it would not be sur-geon's scalpel and not hacked a paler carbon copy of the h a butcher's chopper, there senior musician's. But they are no reason why such a pro-not. Mr. Barker shaped the a a butterier's chopper, there into musician's. Built only the senior musician's concerving statemets in the faring up of the Mark and the senior musician's. The senior musician's concerving matching built be main the faring up of the Mark and the senior musician's. The senior musician's concerving matching built be main the faring up of the Mark and the senior musician's concerving matching built be main the faring up of the Mark and the senior musician's concerving matching built be main the faring up of the Mark and the senior musician's concerving matching are constructed to the faring up of the Mark and the senior musician's concerving matching are senior musician's concerving the senior musician's concerving matching are senior musician's concerving matching are senior musician's concerving the senior musician's concerving are senior matching are senior matching the senior matc

ra. It was performed in gerescence equaly well man-man. Iherto Remedios sang Sies-d. arriving perfocued in fus Curphey, who is gradmat-d. arriving perfocuely fresh at ing from the lighter Wagner musing bad to sing his way dramatic parts, bad all the notes hyping Brunnhilde, for once linde - to the bearyweight solution of the bearyweight of the free really is even more ing the west from the lighter wagner ing the west bearyweight of the free really is even would be so tired in us dancing nountain top to wake the suprann roles - Eve, Elsa, Sies pring Brunnhilde, for once linde - to the bearyweight of the free really is even would have created e yawn from music as a result in the solution of the solution of the bearyweight of the free really is even would have created e yawn from music as a result in the solution of the solution of the bearyweight of the free really is even work on and fur of the solution formance was even more ing than it is in thn theatre, self, in the way that solut berry devoted to keeping music was ideal for the digits, boung the formance of the Bretrieue of Alban factory devoted to keeping music was ideal for the digits for the factory devoted to keeping music was ideal for the digits of a quarter; eating the meel; take was inmour, but in the solution of the first half ended with the en-first half of the programme, swell and fury of the sea, and then being hit by the main dominate the gap let slip by the end of the scene trium. the sean of the first sear from the being the NFO brass a chance to give the wheel hack on. * for Singfried. -



Leonard Burt ina Gielgud and Desmond Kelly in Sadier's Wells Royal Baliet's 'Gemini'-one of the triple bill at the Coliseum last night

Festival Hall

Bette Davis and Lee Montgomery in 'Burnt Offerings'

BBC Symphony by RONALD CRICHTON

Cherles Mackerras is so busy made one want to hear Mr. in opera bouses bere and abroad Mackerras do the Giardinera, that we don't often bave the preferably with Miss Armstrong

hall) and euphonious scoring nf that work. Shnile Armstrong,

that work. Shnile Armstrong, though not in her easiest voice, brought charm and fluency to a The name of the mezzo-soprano vocal line that hegins suavely announced oo Tuesday'a page as bnt gradually unfolds ioto florid one of the runners-up for the writing worthy fi Constanze in Kathleen Ferrier Memorial a relaxed moment. It was Scholarship was Fione Kimm, not elegantly graced: the experience Fiona Kidd. Talk of the Town

performs hurning the Festival shar that most rare person: e festival directs. She bas been harpsi-inectar director of real musical know and sometimes singer: on Wed-nesday she played the instru-ment beard in that first Festival ments. O si sic omnes.... ments of sic omnes.... ment beard in that first Festival subsequently coosumed. She also played C. P. E. Bach's "Farewell to my Silbermann clevichord" at the end of tha provides of the solution of the baroque riches of this Bach imply, that she intends to festival. No ensemble music the clavichord is little better (ceven if it is slightly more often beerd) than it was fourteen teers ago, and Miss Lalandit's comportant for the opportunities given to one: when can produce only one note beerd than it was fourteen teers ago, and Miss Lalandit's the twence music beerd than it was fourteen the clavichord is little better beerd than an it was fourteen beerd than an it was fourteen beerd than it was fourtee

ritardandn which came again and agein in the first five introduc-lory bars of the edagio stayed (except at its last appearance) just the right side of vulgarity

The elderly servant (Alan Webb) petitors must be very reached a standard equivelent to a Distinction of the instrument. For provides either the limitations is little better or the opportunities given to one player playing an instrument of this slightly more often which can produce only one note at once: when the instrument is a superb wooden baroque flute, and the player as invantive and as understanding as Kuljken, the result is magical. He can courtship is going well.
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Genoa. Though the loss occurred almost ninc years ago, it was revealed only last week and has focused added attention on the growing debate about nuclear safely. An oral question about it has been tabled by Mr. Tom Normanton, a British Conservative mem-

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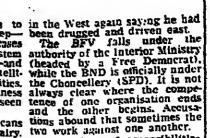
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Europe Court may decide fish policy BRUSSELS, May 5.

BY ROBIN REEVES

Oil Satety By William Duilforce BERGEN May 5. THE NORWEGIAN Government today invited Energy and Environment Ministers from the North See countries to meet in North See countries to meet in North See countries to meet in

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BY ROGER MATTHEWS

MADRID, May 5. modifies, and the establishment

common fund for the Danish court fines THE FORD factory near page. It was then that clasbes of a common fund for the Danish court fines. Valencia, Europe's most modern between the workers and the stabilisation of raw material print unions £1m; agreements, decisions, comproducing 280,000 units a year, log to the decision to close the

producing 280,000 units a year, iog to the decision to close the remained at a standstill today factory. after management had closed the A Ford' spokesmon stressed land "to avoid further violent that it was not a lock-out and incidents." This is the second that the responsibility for the outbreak of serious labour situation rested entirely on the trouble since the factory was shoulders of the 9,600 men. officially opened by King Juan Another potentially more damaging labour dispute is hom. The dispute started yesterday ing on the horizon. Spain's air morning.over the disciplining of traffic controllers bave issued a two workers. A lengthy meeting formal warning that they will list coverts practically every

two workers. A lengthy meeting formal warning that they will list covers practically every was held by the day shift, with strike from May 20 unless the issue that is being discussed in militants lrying to persuade list of demands they presented the four commissions set up by office staff to join in the stop- on April 29 is met.

OBITUARY: DR. LUDWIG ERHARD

A Danish labour court has imposed record fines totalling Kr.10m. (Elm.) an printers and

over N-S progress

BY ROBERT MAUTHNER

THE DEVELOPING countries The

their unions for a three-week unofficial strike which almost totally silenced the Danish Press last month, Reuter reports from Copenhagen.

. The sentence was immedi-ately denounced by printers throughout the country, but fears of a new strike appeared nnfounded, and newspapers were produced normally.

cihaila platform. Development of these 1%'0 small fields close to Ekofisk should not be influenced by the sravo accident, Mr. Thulin said, but added that the final decision

rested with Parliament, In the political field, the blow-out bas produced a party lineup which could have unexpected consequences for the General Election due in September. The ruliog Labonr governmeot and

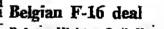
the Conservative Party are both concerned to limit the effect of the blow-out on industry and employment The Conservatives' electoral

The Conservatives' electoral allies, the Centre and Christian People's Party, together with the Left Socialists, want Norway to pause and re-evaluate its oil the third round of ministerial Belgian F-16 deal

New Soviet-Japan talks BY DAVID SATTER

MOSCOW, May 5.

JAPANESE FISHERIES Minister sovereignty over four southern Zenko Suzuki to-day presented a islands in the Kurile chain which Zenko Suzuki to-day presented a islands in the Kurtle than which Japanese proposal for breaking once belonged to Japan, the deadlock in the Soviet- Mr. Suzuki declined to give the Jopanese fish talks which have details of the new Japanese pro-made no progress because of posals but said Mr. Ishkov had disagreement over four Soviet agreed to study them and meet hald islands claimed by Japan.



pause and reevaluate its oil the third round of ministerial Belgian F-16 deal talks aimed at reaching agreement on Japanese fishing rights Defence Minister Paul Van den Boeyants yesterday signed the within the 200-mile fishing zone Boeyants yesterday signed the declared by the Soviet Union final contract committing Belgium to buy the U.S. F-t6 fighter airto buy the blow-out had been broken up by notural forces. Marine biologists reported provisionally thot only slight damage appeared to hove been inflicted on fisb stocks and marine life in the area.



BY MALCOLM RUTHERFORD

DR. LUDWIG ERHARD will be remembered more as the father of the West German economic miracle than as a Federal Chancellor. Economics Minister from t949 to 1963 he was outstandingly successful. As Chancellor from 1963 to 1966 he was a comparative failure. His political life was marred by a prolonged conflict with Dr. Konrad Adenouer who argued that Dr. Erbard was not enough of a politician to be given the Chancellorship. However un-popular this judgment was at the time, subsequent events tended to prove Dr. Adenauer right.

Dr. Ethard was born in the Bavarian town of Fuerth in February 1897, the son of a local textile merchant. He was an early victim of infantile paralysis and was later severely cept of the

kind of German.

his father's husiness, he became research assistant at the Nuremberg Institute for Market Research in 1928-only to he harred from university work a few years later for his refusal to join the Nazi Association of University Teachers. His students remained loyal to blm, 'The 1930s were a crucial

period in the evolution of Gernian economic thinking. The Freiburg sebool of economists led by Walter Eucken was working on ideas which subsequently developed into the con-



" Social Markel lapse of the Reich. The main called a miracle. After a brief spell running point was the abolition of con-

> STATE FUNERAL Friends and political foes paid tribute to Ludwig Erhard on his death yesterday. Ho will be hurled with full state honours next Thursday in the village graveyard at Gnund in his native Bavarla. The hody will lie in state in the Chancel-lery in Boan next Tuesday. On Wednesday he will be honnured in a slole commemoration сстетопу jn the Buodestag.

trols. He sent it by ordinary to push them through. On the mail to his friend Karl other hand, as prosperity Goerdeler, the Mayor of Leip returned Dr. Erhard, became zig, a key organiser of the July more and more popular in the 20 plot against Hitler. Eithet country and an obvious the Nazi authorities never got successor to the ageing Chun-hold of it or they failed to cellor. Dr. Adenauer continued understand it, for although the to such him for bis alleged Mayor was arrested, Erhard political nalvete and beld on remained unscathed.

ed unscathed. to office until 1953 when the Americans, entering Christian Democrat party forced The Fuerth in 1945, gave him the succession through . Dr economic duties in the town Erbard won the election of 1965. and later made him chairman but soon ran into troublethe bi-zonal tBritish and ironically over a threatened American) Economic Council economic crisis, especially in with special responsibility for the Ruhr. The oext year the currency reform. In 1948 he small Free Democrat Party went above the heads of the walked out of the coalition io allies, made a bonfire of con- protest at proposals to raise trols and introduced currency taxation. The CDU porlia reform on his own. It substl- mentary party, which has never tuted the Deutschemark for the shown much sympathy for a Reichsmark at an effective ratio loser, forced Dr. Erhard's of 6.5:100 and was designed to resignation.

wounded as a soldier in the Economy "-the basis of post- climinate surplus money from Though he remained in the First World War. These mis- war West German economic the system, thereby getting Bundestag, politically that was fortunes contributed to his fat policy. Dr. Erhard was close to back to an effective price the end of his career. The appearance which, coupled with the school and in 1944 produced mechanism. After some early concept of the Social Market his ever present cigar, made his blueprint for tha recovery storms the economy began a Economy, however, which he him seem typical of a certain of the economy after the col- recovery which came to be bad dooe so much to put into practice, remained . .gospe

The year 1949 saw the found. almost until bis death, receiv ing of the Federal Republic and ing lip service even when it Erhard's entry into politics, was not practised. (It had Dr. Adenauer summoned him to been adopted even by the Social Bonn, ioquired after his econo- Democrats in 1959.) The term mic thinking and persuaded him does not traoslate well: broadly to join the Christian Democrat it means capitalism with a Union (CDU). Erhard became human face. It favours Economics Minister in the first maximum competition; but con-Adenauer government. It was cedes that the state must to become an uneasy relation intervene to create the neces sary conditions. It relies heavily

There is no evidence that Dr. on monetary policy and perhaps Adenauer woa a great supporter needs a stable currency for its of Dr. Erhard's ideas about the success. Dr. Erhard dld as much free market economy and cer- as he was allowed to bring this tainly he did not alwaya help about.

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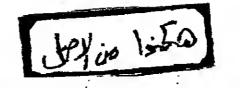
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Nixon fails o allay riticism

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-stem, and the methods governments use to offset these effects s wall as the policy implications of indexation for the income

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Saudi contribution to Imports take 20% **IMF** facility will of U.S. be less than \$4bn. car sales

BY JUREK MARTIN, U.S. EDITOR WASHINGTON, May 5.

e altowed himself remorse, letting the country down, attributed much of it tn an loun that nobody in this the the second to comment on yester. The facility be open ended—days meeting. However, it is intended that declined to comment on yester. The facility be open ended—days meeting. However, it is perbaps atarting at a lower level assumed, following last week's (Dr. Witteveen's base was 8bn. session of "meeting. How ever, it is perbaps atarting at a lower level days meeting. How ever, it is perbaps atarting at a lower level assumed, following last week's (Dr. Witteveen's base was 8bn. session of "meeting. How ever, it is no serious suggestion so far—tor same revin, chairman nf Judiciary Committee here, that Dr. Witte- and being topped up later. There veen will have to though there is some concern—tor same revin, chairman nf Judiciary Committee here, that Dr. Witte- and being topped up later. There veen will have to though there is some concern—tor same revin, chairman nf Judiciary Committee here, that The satching the next few though there is some concern—tor site of the set of the statement seemed yesterday that be toought that it clear enough, it is believed that could take up to a yaar to establing "for covering up." Similar sention will find find for prover the end of the summer to help Minister. Prince Tahd, after fill the liquidity gap hefore the direct consultations with Dr. seventh round of quota increases with the the state ween "Thus IMF" sonrees (the size of which has not yet believed that the facility haps two years time.

Carter backs amendments to anti-boycott legislation

Sou down -he's never saw to before." In Post's famed Watergate arter, Mr. Bob Woodward, heard to mutter "fascin-c" as he emerged from a ate screening yesterday rnoon, but his banner head-story in the newspaper this ning contended that the ier Presideot had shed little light on the Watergate Note the screening to the state of the state of the screen the light on the Watergate Note the screening to the state of the state of the screen the Note the screening to the state of the state of the screen the screen

Evidence of the pressure in-creasing on the application of rebates in small car imports emerged yesterday in a meeting between the President and the new House of Representa-tives Energy Committee. tives Energy Committee During the meeting, Represen tative John Dingell asked what assurances there were that the rebate the President has pro-posed on cars, with high fuel

package.

By Stewart Fleming

NEW YORK, May 5.

IMPORTS took e record shara of the U.S. car market in April, according to figures just reteased which seem certain to intensify the debate over the impact of President Carter's small car tax rebate, an-nonnced as part of his energy

economy "will not become a taria" benefiting **Icverse** foreign mannfacturers at the expense of domestic manufacturers."

Mr. Dingell, whn represents the state of Michigan, where the big motor companies have their beadquarters, also questioned the suggestion that it should be teft to the President, through executive agreemenis, to decide on the trade and tariff implications of the rebate.

The figures released to-day show that imported cars took fully 20 per cent. of the U.S. market in April, an increase of 64 per cent. nver April, 1976, when imports took only 13.7 per cent. nf the market.

FIVE MONTHS after he took advanced acbool text-books. great boost in production, and workers bad been simply too office, the boneymoon period is If the President is not himself there are still painful aymptoms well treated under Sr. over for President José López promoting this right-wing offen of sickness in the conomy. Many Echeverria for the labour move-Portillo of Mexico. His hopes of sive, this seems to indicate con-large companies, badly-hit by last mont to be ready to accept forming a new national con-tinuing weakness on his part and August's devaluation of the peso voluntarily a real decline in the provide the prov forming a new national con-tinuing weakness on his part and August's devaluation of the peso voluntarily a real decline in sensus out of nothing more than hence a political vacuum in his because of large dollar debts, workers living standards. relief at the departure of his country. And, if this is ao, are now suffering from the Sr. Lipez Portillo is fully predecessor. President Luis the danger is that the deep eco-slump and working well below Echeverria, have been shattered, nomic crisis and the current capacity, while hundreds of labour peace, and he has done his His own sctioos—though his conservative offensive will define smaller companies, unable to economic policies in particular the new Administration politic-have been targely forced on him ally before Sr. López Portillo is hy the crisis Sr. Echeverria left able to assert bimself. behind—are now coming noder fire, particularly from the Left, the President bas not very much Many Meriagne in fact believe real choice. He took over an

fire; parlicularly from the Left the President bas not very much Many Mexicans in fact believe real choice. He took over an that Sr. Lopez Portillo is moving economy suffering its worst the country rapidly to the Right, crisis in almost four decades, This is not only because the with inflation at an annual rate workers are carrying the main of 45 per cent, the GDP expand-burden of the IMF-imposed ing by just two per cent, unem-economic recovery programme, ployment growing rapidly, and but also because of a right-wing the currency ainking in response offensive in the universities, and the panic flight of capital. the appointment of the bard-line With or without the IMF former President Guestaro Diz agreement drawn up in exchance

former President Gustavo Diaz agreement, drawn up in exchange Ordaz as Ambassador to Spain. for Sl.2bn. of credit over three Such a definition may be pre-years, Sr. Lopez Portillo thus had mature, though ambiguities certain priorities forced on him: remain, as they did with Sr. be had to stabilise the peso, but López Portillo's predecessor, allow it to float to avoid over-Under Presideot Echeverria, valuatioo; he had to lower infla-Under Presideot Echeverria, valuation: he had to lower inna-who was regarded as a left-tion by limiting wage increases winger, businessmen made and controlling the Government greater profits than aver, while deficit: and be had to stimulate no independent trade unions domestic investment, to create were registered; the current much-needed jobs, by mending president, on the other hand, has bridges with the private sector. plans for a major tax reform and in all these areas, be has so

intends to legalise the Com- far succeeded; the peso bas risen munist Party for the first time in from its November rate of 28

pesos to 22.70 pesos to the dollar imost 40 yesra. What is clear, however, is that to-day, but it continues to float since President Lopez Portillo's and will slowly lose value as it accession, conservstive forces absorbs this year's inflation, throughout the country have felt inflation itself is now running throughout the country have felt inflation itself is now running And among the workers, the freer to act. In Queretaro, the at a rate equivalent to an annual stagnation—the GDP growth local congress bas imposed 40- rate under 20 per cent., since rate for 1977 may be only 1.5 year prison terms for leaders of wage increases are being kept per cent.—bas brought increased the per cent.—bas b year prison terms for leaders of wage increases are being kept per cent.—bas brought increased topper rotting, the point in person terms for leaders of wage increases are being kept per cent.—bas brought increased topper rotting, the point in point in person terms for leaders of vage increases are being kept per cent.—bas brought increased topper rotting, the point in person terms to the occupations, in to 10 per cent and the Govern unemployment and under reference remains the events of Oaxaca, the new military ment, is spending little. And employment. In urban areas, it this government's policy directors is openly favouring although little new investment has meaot a sharp and cuntinutions for its six years in office violent university dispute; in has at least promised to spend power: while illegal migration will turn out to be dominated by Nayarit, Zacatesas, Sonora and S10hn, to create new jobs before from rural areas to the United its attempts to cope with the Guerrero, local right-wingers 1980. Exception and the sector areas to the United reserved. Laboration will be to the crisis of 1976—a legacy of the crisis of 1976—a bave launched new campaiens. For partice and the sector and the sector for the the crisis of 1976—a legacy of the crisis of 1976—a legacy of the crisis of legacy in which Sr Loner Partillo.

The true cost of flying

men in her life.

on holding wage increases to 111 per cent, has undermined the

over the union movement. The fact that Sr. Velazquez, who has loog acted as a skilful intermediary between Govern-ment and workers, is now warning publicly about uncontrolled inflation reflects bis growing diffaculty in haodling his con-stituency. By September, the Government may welt be facing the grim choice of giving way over wage controls or risking serious labour unrest.

There are, however, some hope-ful signs on the economy. The tourist industry, for example, appears to be well on the way to recovery from its iwo-year slump and has reported a record winter season. The external sector is also strengtheniog-thanks to

high oil, coffee and cotton earnings and static imports-and the trade deficit this year should be helow \$2hn, for the first time since 1973.

But, as with other political and economic problems facing Sr. Lopez Portillo, the point of



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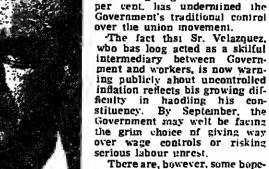
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live with. Mr. Adlai Stevenson 111 who attempted to tone down the Senate version in the banking committee of the upper house charged, "what started as an effort to project the U.S. from Arab pressures is ending up an effort to defend the U.S. Govern-meot from Israel." However, there is strong evidence that the Government in Jerusalem and its Embassy in Washington was embarrassed by the zcal with which the extremisis—notably the Israeli American Public

Affairs Committee-sought to barden the legislation. Crown Prince Fahd is expected arrive in Washington on May 23 for talks with Mr. Carter and the Administration. Ilis visit could have an important bearing on Saudi Arabia's attitude to oil prices at the next OPEC ministerial conference.

Hydro Quebec \$12m. river surveys

Hydro Quebec, the \$9bn, Quebec Government-nwned pnwer utility. Is putting more resources into studiea for the development of rivers running into Hudson Bay north of the existing \$16bn, pro-ject in the La Grande river basin in the James Bay territory, Robert Gibbens reports from Montreal. The utility will spend \$12m. this year for studies of the Great Whale River system 200 miles north of the present James Bay hydro project. Three generating stations could have a capacity of 2,100 megawalls, it says.

Cyclamate decision

Cyclamates do noi eause cancer Canadian health officials have con cluded cight years after the artilleial sweetener was banoed a a cancer-causing agent, Victor Mackie reports from Ottawa. As a result, cyclamates may well be back on the market in Canada as early as next year, replacing some but not all uses of saccharin, now being banned for most uses in Canada.

Montonero link

An Argeboian army communique said yesterday that mission finan-eier David Graiver had been proved to have used \$12m. in kiduap ransoms and robbery lool to buy control of two New York banks during a three-year associa-tion with the left-wing Montonero cuentilas. UPI reports from Buenos Aires.



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OVERSEAS NEWS

RHODESIA

Guerillas 'detain 80 rival leaders'

BY BRIDGET BLOOM, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

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last year, which it says had only of £110m, in 1975

BY TONY HAWKINS

BY BRIDGET BLOOM, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT A STRUGGLE for power in the main guerilla forcee fighting against white-ruled Rhodesia, during which more than S0 scolor guerilla commanders may have been arreated, appears to agroup owing its principal political allegiance to Mr. Robert Mugabe, joint leader of the Patriotic Front. However, while reports reach-ing London suggest that the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the stroggle is at present form all in Zambla last October stroggle is at present confinad to the military wing of the strong for contrel of the fromt line African Presidents con-issue as a whole may be far from issue as a whole may be far from pice during and after a one day front line Presidents to unite in the Modesam mationalist. In the Modesam mationalist more is command body we all being for the present time the command body we all being for the present time the command body we all being for the present time the command body we all being for the present to have the state with the came present of the present to have the being for the present to have the being for the present to have the being for the present to have and have not the for the command body we all being for the present to have the being for the present to have the being for the present to have and have not the for the command body we all being for the present to have all being for the formation the form the value of Brails his the formation the formation to the first quarter of size the present to have all being for the present to have all being for the present to have all being for the formation to the first quarter of size the transmand body we all being for the present to have all being for the present to have all being for the formation to the first quarter of size the transmand body the first quarter of size the transmand being for the present to have all being for the formation the size of the present to have all being for the formation to the first quarter of size the transmand body the first quarter of size the first quar

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U.K. deficit

WORLD TRADE NEWS

BY DAVID WHITE

cent. over the value of trade which has since more than during the comparable period last year. British exports con-sited largely of mathins and mathing the comparable period sited to S3.58bn. at a con-servative estimate. The Spanish steelmaker Alter servative estimate. The Spanish steelmaker Altos Hornos de Vizcaya was also to take a 5 per cent. stake, and a consortium of Japanese com-panies 10 per cent. Usinor of sisted largely of machioery. Im-ports were mainly raw materials, particularly oil, as well as traditienal British imports such as timber and diamonds. Fraoce more recently showed interest in taking a share simi-Soviet Unioo reflect the dearth were taken towards signing an

of major British contracts with agreement because of "crossed the Soviet Union in 1975 and lines" between the two original early 1976. The figures for both partners. U.S. Steel and CVRD, imports and exports this year according to sources connected are expected to follow the pat with the venture, U.S. Steel, tern of 1978 when the value of which took 49 per cent of the British imports from the Soviet Amazonia Mineraca joint ven-

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Union. cent. owned subsidiary of the Thyssen group of West Germany in any case that even without U.S. chemical specialty manufac- and Voest of Anstria. the Davignon measures, turer, Inmont, is to supply the Production at Serra dos Britain's balance of trade in Russian trade organisation. Carajas, originally scheduled to steel bas improved consider-Sojuzpushnina, with in excess of start at the rate of 12m. tomes a high this year. Sm. square feet of the synthetic a year in 1979, building up to Figures based on Customs material each year. This is the 50m, tonnes, is now expected returns show that Britain was equivalent of 30-40 per cent. of only in 1981 or 1982. Work on a net exporter of steel by a

Payment will be in sterling, and settlemeot f.o.b. (Tilhury), a rapid method of reimbursement. The agreement represents the culmination of about six years of

BY DAVID CURRY

RIO DE JANEIRO, Mar

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The Financial Times Friday May 8 1977

" wait-and-see " enthuslastic approach. The official Italian Commun-

however, that the compulsory minimum for re-bars and the voluntary minima for beams

and sections (£150 a tonne), wire rod (£136), merchant hars (£147), cold rolled sbeet

and steel consumers lack con-

fidence that the minima can be policed effectively. It is felt in any case that even without

regions

Brescia

Brazil talks on future of

major iron ore project

On the question of prices appears that the new minh are between 10 and 20 cent. lower than British So Corporation fist prices. 7

ist party newspaper L'Unita, called the decision n "puni-tive" measure against the small and medium steel indus-tries to the north Italian corporation's fcars, express in Brussels, that this em-iead to pressure on them of Lombardy and eut prices on alres depressed margias seem ju fied un lbe basis of ea Brescia. These industries, which em-ploy 25,000 people, have spe-cialised in the production of re'inforcing steel hars and prietrated the European mar-ket as a result of their low prices. They say they have msnaged to keep prices down. In spite of italy's rising labour and money costs, essentially by using scrap metal in the place of ores. Prices for Italian re-bars reaction from stockholdets ;

direct-purchase consumers. The French industry repr the Brussels measures as little and two isie. The ena tial prohiem in French erry the excessive level of impri into the EEC, and equally problems faced by EEC 1 durers in third com place of ores. Prices for Italian re-bars have averaged £100 e ionnc, compared with the EEC prices compaisory from Monday of £130 a tonne for ordinary bars and £134.50 for stronger bars. The Italian view assames, markets, partirularly those Europe, in the face of e petition from other produce

The West German Gere ment and steel industry h little love for the Davier plan, or for the prespect of Brassels Commission Intering directly in the s-market. West German's the plan has little chance solving the root probirms the Community's steel in try, while the Commissi-acquisition of furi "dirigistic" powers in a m sector is annaiatable to

Government and to prin business in principle. Nonetheless, the Germ have had to admit that ne-has come up with a better i than the Davisance of a than the Davigann plan, they will go along will limited measure of price lo vention with a measure hope.

NEW DELHL May 5.

JUST A month before elections the stable position it finds itself if this becomes necessary. to state assemblies are to be to-day. held, the Congress Party seems to be torn by internal wraogles aod sharp differences over its was defeated in the March elec- in parliament. Mr. Chavan leadership, with Mrs. indira tions and which, according to to-day made it clear that the Gandhi, the former Prime Minis- ber, she was pressured into Congress would have to return to ter, making an unexpected bid for cootroi of the organisation. Mrs. Gandhi's desperate attempt to keep the torial methods) and democratic Mrs. Gandhi, who had Congress on her aide. (unctioning. Behind him are an announced about a month and There will probably he a con-those opposed to Sanjay and his that she had retired from politiest for the presidentship of the "caucus" which abused power tics, made a dramatic entry into party to-morrow, the first time during the emergency. the hall when the All India since independence. This became Mrs. Gandhi wants to prevent Congress Committee, the party's inevitable because Mrs. Gandhi is the party going against her when national decision-making hody, sponsoring, a candidate, Mr. official inquiries into abuse of was meeting to reorganise itself Brahman Reddy, Home Minister powar and charges of corruption. and elect a oew executive and in her government, who is not against her. Sanjay and their president. She made a hrief acceptable to many others who followers begin. Evidence is speech, towards the end of which have put up Mr. Siddharta already mounting and if the she appeared to hreak down Shankar Ray, who was earlier Congress is openly against her, while thanking those who had this week dismissed as chief the consequences for Mrs. Gandhi stood by her "in had times and minister of West Bengal. could be disastrous. Mrs. Gandhi's object is to test In the process, however, she In good. Mrs. Gandhi's object is to test in the process, however, sne The main point thet sha made her strength in the organisation could split the Congress so was that Congress members and also to forestall further severely thet it would leave the should beware of "forces we attacks on her son Sanjay and way clear for the Janata perty always knew ware working" to bis cronies. Attempts to prevent in the coming alections and he dislodge the party in the states, a contest by persuading Mrs. unable to offer resistance that particularly in the south where Gandhi to ask Mr. Reddy to with should be possible in the states, the Coogress had retained its draw his candidature have not The Janets Party, on the other hold. She strongly defended the been successful so far although hand, le more united than ever options taken by the conservation they are continuing. In any case, before following today's merger actions taked by her government they are continuing. In any case, before following today's merger and said that but for these the Mr. Ray and his supporters are with Mr. Jagjivan Ram's Concountry would not have bean in determined to divide the party gress for Democracy.

stop display of pressmen held in Zaire

dors jotoed forces in · a demarche on senior Zairean officials here to-day in a hid to avert a potentially humilating incident due to take place tomorrow, involving the public display of seven captured journalists, including one Briton.

Spain made representations to the Zairean president's office, and that of the Foreign Minis-ter, to seek a postponement of the parade of the Journal-ists before diplomain and the international Press.

The group is believed to a new been captured on April 27 in at Matshatsha, near the light

PARIS, May

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L'OB I

OFFICIAL figures to be pub-lisbed to-morrow show a remark-ahle recovery in Rhodesia'e per cent. despite a 13 activity was lower for the second ahle recovery in Rhodesia'e per cent. rise in import prices year in a row and Employment halsoce of payments, which due manly to the Soptember declined marginally. registered a surplus of some 1975 devaluation of the The Treausty is not optimistic £40m. the largest sioce UDI in Rhodesian dollar, because of a ahout 1977, forseeing a volume of 1965, mainly because of a savage cutback in imports. The Rhodesian Ministry of Finaoce's 1976 economic survey visible deficit, the current sows that despite the Mozam-bique border elosure in Marcb last ; ear, which it says had only the largest is a strain of the surplus last year from a deficit is the strain of the second decime from last year's 9 per event. (for bigher income groups), while employment should stabilise around the lower last jear. which it says had only of fillom, in 1975 By Stewart Daiby RINSHASA, May 5.

last "ear, which it says had only of £110m, in 1975 a "minicial effect," Rhodesia's However, not surprisingly, 1976, in 1975 to a record £165m, in capitsl inflow from £95m, in 1975 an economy "feeling the effects 1976, to £24m, leaving the country of interastional recession, sanc-Rhodesian exports increased 6 with a surplus overall of soma tions and the strains of anti-per cent.—despite the country'a £40m. (against 's deficit of terrorist operations, particularly being decied use of the ports of £15m, in 1975). in relation to manpower,"

being decied use of the ports of £15m. in 1975). Beira and Maputo which pre-viously bad carried the hulk of schiered at the expense of white population fell hy 5,000 the couctry's exports. With ex-port prices up 4 per cent., ex-port prices up 4 per cent., ex-bigber than in 1975.

Gandhi bid to control Congress

BY K. K. SHARMA

1976.

JUST A month before elections the stable position it finds itself if this becomes necessary.



Record £165m. trade surplus Effort to SALISBURY, May 5.

FOUR EUROPEAN ambasse-

The ambassadors of Britain, France, West Germany and

According to a statement by According to a statement by military security, the seven journalists are beingbrought to Kinshasa from Labunbashi, in the south-eastern physics of . Shaba, where they have been, held in prison for at, least a week, so that the "respective ambasedore" and the Preambassadors" and the Press can decide whether they have been involved in "journalism

or espionage."

Union was almost three times as ture in 1974. failed to agree great as the value of exports. with the Brazilisn side on several important aspects of the Porvair signs

£8m. contract

By Christopher Dunn PORVAIR, U.K. manufacturer

last year to say whether or not it wanted to go ahead with the project. The other groups were to take part of the U.S. steel

decision on the vecture, the According to the agreement, Brazilians are slso expected to the company, which is an 30 per discuss participation with the cent, owned subsidiary of the Thyssen group of West Germany

Porvair's annual turnover (1976: £1.1m.). The terms of the deal look highly advantageous, so far as the U.K. company is concerned.

handling of the project, includ-ing finance and the division of Board responsibilities. The U.S. company was first

given a deadline of December St

France modifies inflation plan

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Gulf states lend | Peres welcomes | Poll doubts U.S. initiative \$1.5bn .to Egypt in Indonesia BEIRUT, May 5. By L. Daniel JAKARTA, May 5

THE PAKISTAN Government

Ailiance iDeli chosen officials.

BEIRUT, May 5. AN AGREEMENT was signed in Cairo to-day for a \$1.5hn. loan from the Gulf Development Organisation (GDO) to Egypt. The loan is to he repaid over ten years at an interest rate of 5 per cent. aftar an initial five-year period of grace. The GDO is made up of the oll states of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait snd the United Arah Emirates. Egypt will also be discussing a SIOOm. loan from Austria during the meetings of the Austrian-Egyptian joint com-insision on economic and tech-nicsi co-operation, which are to hegin in Cairo on May 17, By L. Daniel JAKARTA, May 5. PRESIDENT SUHARTO of Indo-nesia is coming under increasing pressure to order fresh elections in soma areas, following elaima of widespread ballot-rigging in the effect that tha U.S. has "suggestions on all the Cyrus Vance, the U.S. Secretary of State, to the effect that tha U.S. has "suggestions on all the core issues " in the Middle Esst. Speaking withian 24 hours of Austrian-Egyptian joint com-mission on economic and tech-hegin in Cairo on May 17, Observers here had felt that Before the election, Gen.

hegin in Cairo on May 17, according to Cairn Press reports. Economic talks between Egyptian development projects. IPS

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ing between Zaire forces and rebel invaders. It includes a four-man Spanish television team, Mr. Colin Smith, culef foving correspondent of The Observer, Dr. Erich Follath, a West German working for Stern magazine, and M. Regis Bossu, a French photographer also working for Stern.

The Brilish embassy re-vealed to-day that consular access had been allowed to Mr. Smith, who is 32, and that, although prison conditions were had, he has been well fed and has been treated correctly. He was reported to be in good spirits. A spokesman for the French embassy here said that M. Bossn is also in good health and spirits.

What sppcared to have hap-pened is that Mr. Smith and the Spanish television crew drate over the Zaire border from Zamhia and arrived at Mutshat-sha on April 27, two days after the Benguela railway town shas recaptured from the rebels

ing, the journalists were citi-cised for entering Zaire illegally after visas had been refused them in both Europe and Zamhia. It was alleged hu the report that they were travelling with accreditation from the Angolan government which President Mohotu of Zaire has accused of support-

The newspaper report said. "Had it not been for the pre-sence of President Mobain in Motshatsha, who ordered a proper inquiry, the journalists. who were considered to be mercenaries, would have been immediately shot."

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Farming and Raw Materials: Sugar pact doubts

culmination of about six years of hegotiations. But until now the value to Porvsir had totalled only about £3m. The Russians. however, emphasised that they expect trade with Porvair to develop on a long term basis. The deal ought to be highly heneficial to the U.K. company. According to the managing director. Mr. Wither O'Keafe, the company was now, hoping to make a small profit in 1977, and this ortimism about results con-trasted with losses for 1976 and 1975 of f0.5m, and f1.5m, respect

trasted with losses for 1976 and trasted with losses for 1976 and 1975 of f0.5m. and f1.5m. respectively. Mr. O'Keefe agreed that without the Russian contract the company would not hope to company would not hope to achieve this recovery this year. According to the annual report. Porvair has been severely affected by the thing trend of shoe imports, and the scale of losses has forced the U.S. parent to inject substantial sdditional

to inject substantial additional capital into the operation. It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that had the Russian contract not materialised, inmont might have been forced to review its investment in Porvair very critically. Porvair employed 301

had koped to reinvigorate their campaign against dir. Bhntto which was seen to have lost much of its steam last weekend with the failure of the so-called "Long March to "clemanad" Telamahad "

Air Marshal Asghar Khan haa however taken a far more aggressive approach by appeal-ing to the chiefa of etaff of the armed forces and to officers not to obey what be considered nniawful commands by Mr. Bhntto'a Government. This action was described by the Defence Ministry to-day as the "Defence of sedition." preaching of sedition.

Some political commentators believed to-alght that the Defence Ministry statement might be a preinde to bring-ing charges against the former head of the Pakistani Air-Force.

Ford plant for Sydney

the Sydney suhurb of Ingleburn. Work on the plan, which The expansion was announced assemble Falcon and Fal-to-day by Sir Brian inglis, models, will start som Ford's managing director, and should be completed by the comea et a time when its major of 1979. Other models com-competitor, General Motors included on the assembly fall Holden's is in d'fliculties, and has necessary. Suggested that its production Sir Brian said Ford's fall workers take one wask's leave in was haved on an estimate udvance to enable the company nor cour annual store. advance to enable the company per cent. annult grave to reduce excess stocks. Australia's motor toarked to reduce excess stocks. Australia's motor toarket to The new Ford plant will be increase in Ford's market a

located oo a 79 hectare site and tration. Ford's move was welcome will lift capacity by about 21 per cent. when it goes into pro- the large vehicle huiders duction at the rate of about which is at insucries 30,000 units. The site provides GM-H over its proposal mom to expand capacity to more shut production dowo. than 100,000 units a year, which porarly.

Pakistan arrests on eve of demonstrations to day showed that it totends to take a firm stand against any turther street agitation when police in Labore arrested numerous supporters of the opposition Pakistan National the three cities under martial including newly The immediate effect of the

police raid The was apparently an attempt to forenatioowide demonstra-to-morrow which the ition has declared TIODS opposition has declared "Martyre Day" in memory of the 200 or more people while have been killed in rioting since the general election of March 7. The PNA leadership had called on its followers to defy restrictions on public gatherings. These bave been applied most strictly in Karachi, Hyderabad and Lahore

BY M. A. MANSURI

resignation came first.

Earlier remarks by the Pir

end other opposition leaders had suggested that some of

them were willing to compro-

mise on Mr. Bhotto's resigna-tion—an impression that was borne ont in the document presented to Mr. Bhotto which put this demand at the end. Mr. Bhntto has consistently said he arrests was to toughen the PNA's stance to its negotia-tions with Mr. Bhutto to end the political crisis. The Pir of would not resign, though be has offered fresh national elec-tions as well as other major Pagaro, the actiog president of the niliance, to day revealed the demands that the opposi-tion is making to Mr. Bhutto's and insisted that Mr. Bbutto's concessions.

According to Pir Pagaro, the demands that have been put to Mr. Bhotto hy the leadership of the PNA, which has been meeting for several days at Sihala near bere, include the immediate lifting of the emergency and the withdrawal of martial law.

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The apposition's charter also calls for the disselution of the national and provtocial assemblies, fresh elections under a reconstituted election commission, the release of ali political prisoners whose num-ber is pot st 40,000, freedom for the Press, the dismissal of the provincial governors and the appointment of a new carctaker President. The charter was intended as a

Mr. Bhatto.

ISLAMABAD, May 5.

All nine members of the coalition of opposition parties put their signature to the charter, though there is clearly a split between them over tactics and policy. Some of the Moslem groups such as the Jonnat Ulema Islam of Maui-ana Multi Mahmod, the presi-dent of the allance, ere ready for e compromise, while, hard liners soch as Air Marshal Asghar Khan evidently hope the negotiations will fail and that Mr. Bhotto can be driven from power by street agitatioo.

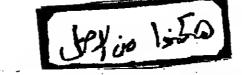
In calling for a demonstra-tion to-morrow the opposition working draft for talks with

Anglo-American battery deal BY ANDREW TAYLOR

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Workers. In 1976.
Mr. V. M. Ivanov of Sofur poshnina stated that the desi with Porvair formed only a part of the Soviet Union's buying inteotionas of far as raw materials for shoes were concerned. The Soviet trade organisation was also negotiating with Japanese mannfacturers of synthetic shoe materials and the Japanese pro-doct. "Clarioo." was said to be highly competitive with Porvair
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AN 555m. contract in Latin America for Racal Electronics io-day. The contract is for radio 0/31 communications and associated by a Latin American Govero-ment. battery-powered trucks is ex. product and a wider. Is pected to increase following appeal, has most to gain Inter-President Jimmy Carter's energy trading agreement.

BY JAMES FORTH FORD AUSTRALIA plans to set would lift group capable up a 5A82m. assembly plent in around 250,000 units at the Sydney suburb of lightburn. Work on the plant, which the set of the plant with the plant with the plant with



HOME NEWS

Irish inventor wins a factory and £15,000 cash

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

THE INVENTOR of a storage container discharge mit has uon a 4,000 sq. ft. factory and 515,000 in cash in the competi-tion run by East Kilbride De-retopment Corporation in atark the Scotish new town's with anniversary to-day. Mr. John Hugan, an Irish-man working in Scotland, itsigned a vibrating multi-bladen system for enntrolled tischarge of solids from cou-cainers and hoppers. This was

placed first in the competition to find the best industrial in-vention capable of being de-veloped profitably.

The unit, of which nine have been sold, is manufactured by the Alval Engineering Com-The company will move soon into the factory on East Kil-hride's Kelvin industriat cetate. Mr. Rogan is a direc-tor of Alval.

Two other entries won joint second place and will be offered free factories by the development corporation. They are a new method of

applying kanlin ponitice to wounds, entered by Mr. Matt Stoddart of K/L Pharmaceuti-cal, of Troon, and a aelf-right-ing illuminated road bollard submitted by two Cornishmen. Mr. Robert Sonthall and Mr. Peter Hill.

The competition, launched in October, attracted 653 en-tries of which at least 30 per crnt. were thought to be im-possible or impracticable.

Three entrants were given a warning by the jndges, under the chairmanship of Sir Monty Figniston, that their invention could be tethal. Three perpetual motion invention could be tethal. Three perpetnal motion machines were entered but, failed to gain recognition.

Construction Home building figures ndustry call raise industry's hopes

By Michael Cassell. uliding Correspondent

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EADERS of the coostruction

bnut the recession and what ight to he done to reverse it. clinn.

clinn." The industry had become totally dissatisfied and dis-lusioned" with Mr. Reg Free-on, Minister for Housing and onstruction, and Mr. Peter hore. Environment Secretary. The Government's track record the past year bad been miserable " and its policies had oved " wholly disastrous " for e industry. Over a quarter of million workers in the industry ad lost their jobs and thousand companies had gone out of isiness since the slump set in.

'Salaries of top 100 down by half'

A BIG JUMP in bouse building total starts in January March this the remainder of the year. How-

BY MICHAEL CASSELL, BUILDING CORRESPONDENT

EADERS of the coostruction advantage of the sear how-industry are seeking a meeting in house building total starts in January-March this the remainder of the year. How-activity in March has raised boyes that the industry might at the previous three months and loans—with the prospect of an-other previous three months and loans—with the prospect of an-other previous three months and loans—with the prospect of an-other previous three months and loans—with the prospect of an-other previous three months and loans—with the prospect of an-other under of boyes that the industry might at the worst post-war building ression. Mr. Robert Willan, president i the National Federation of of uilding Trade Employers, told reference for an annual meeting i London that a meeting was cing sought and went on to track the Government for its

cing sought and went on to track the Government for its menth. The increase is encouraging. The total is still well down urrent pligh. He told the meeting: "We ant an end to the loog series f frustrating and sterile dis-month period is still disappoint using the same month last year. In the first quarter of this year, most disappointing results of cent less than the first quarter the number of public sector that they remained very that they remained very

that they remained very According to the department, pessimistic about prospects for

Gas, power tariff

which reflect the cost of supply. Consumers on supplementary encourage: the best use of benefit and family income sup-national energy resources and plement had also heen helped avoid public expenditure subsi-dies. allowable on one of last winters

VFLATION AND the pay neeze applied by successive nvernments means that in real strms the income of the heads of ashed by half since 1973-73, trone Data Services claimed refers to see poorer consumers The While Paper reply points

ashen by half since 1972-73, from higher costs. Instead it rale lariffs. Tronie Data Services claimed from higher costs. Instead it rale lariffs. The While Paper reply points helped by improved social but that fuel costs now account security benefits, higher pen- for about a half of the electricity industry's total costs as against of about 2800° permitted slore are among the main third a few years ago, points to emerge from Government's networks and special allowances. These are among the main third a few years ago, points to emerge from Government's not the electricity industry's total costs as against or the second districts, employing some 2m. Salaries paid in the industry listed last year? One by the Select committee on National. Fourth Report from the Select ised Industries and the other by Committee on Nationalised the National Consumer Council. Industries on Gas and Electricity industry's the National Consumer Council. Industries on Gas and Electricity industry were annutally.

bonnes started rose in more than 12.000 in March from about 7.000 the month before. Comple-tions rose to 14.500 from 11,400 in February.

In the private sector, starts roae from 7,600 in February to 10,300, while completions fell back marginally from 10,700 to 10,500.



Accountants urge simplified system without delay

BY MICHAEL LAFFERTY, CITY STAFF

SIMPLIFIED aystem MPLIFIED aystem of special situations auch as contract cost accounting (CCA) work in progress and the use of

current cost accounting (CCA) work in progress and the use of sbould be introduced without modern equivalent asset valua-delay, the English Institute of tions. Chartered Accountants, Britain's 2—By dealing with all aspects principal accountancy body, has of depreciation and fixed assets told the Morpeth Inflation and the cost of sales and stock Accounting Steering Group. It says this inflation accounting adjusting the profit and loss system is likely to be the most nseful form of reporting for the majority of users of accounta. But the Intitute with the formation and leases

3—By eliminating deferred taxation, investments and leases

But the Institute wants to see aweeping changes in the current Morpeth proposals. CCA needed which could be better deall with in separate accounting standards. to evolve and it was not practical the

to introduce a comprehensive system all al ooce. "The ultimate accounting slan-dard should be clear, aimple and with the essential features of simplicity." indices should be current cost accounting," it allowed for fixed asset valuations declares. There were three main acbieved. much of the material in the

i--By adopting "a monetary "special situations" section of items adjustment," which would lhe present proposals. take account of the effects of The Institute also believea inflation on debtors and that all companies should creditors, and by dropping the changeover to CCA at the same controveraial appropriation time-July. 1978 is the present account, and the section of the target-rather than in four Morpeth proposals .covering phases, as presently proposed.

Scots tax-raising powers may split U.K. companies

The Institute also says that nuch-disputed supple-



The idle, food loving city centre pigeons hung their crops in shame yesterday as their more useful cousina flew into action carrying urgent medical samples. The experiment, using pigeons with apecially designed harness, started between Plymouth's

Bankruptcy law change

cuts receiving orders

Greenhank Huspital and the city's central laboratory. If success fn! lofts may spring up at other hospitals.

wiewed annitally."

British Vita

Holiday plans changed

ABOUT 100,000 package tour Estimates of the shartfall in customers have had their holiday holiday bookings compared with iravel arrangements changed last year vary from 10 to 20 per invests £3m. RITISH VITA is investing 50,000 in its Vitacon; custom manufinding nperations at indileton and Clayton, Man-

iddicton and Clayton. Man-rester. When the first phase is com-leted by mid-summer the practice of merginc under. People's nerve is beginning to resent len compounding lines booked holiday groups with crack" and there is a rush to ill be increased in 13.

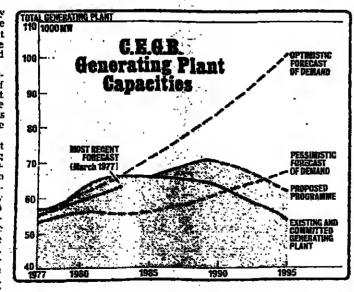
CEGB now more optimistic about growth of demand

BY MAX WILKINSON

ite CENTRAL Electricity onerating Board's corporate to for 1977 shows a somewhat are optimislic forecast for the owth of electricity demand an :1< previoua estimatea

The Board repeats the optimisand pessimistic forecasta of corrects demand shown in last ar's corporate plan. But the est recent forecast suggests it domand will be nearer the th level to the early 1980a.

Accordingly the Board has set i plans for a steady ordering sgransme of two or three 560e generating sets a year up to 79. This follows the recomodations of the Central Policy view Staff (Think Tank) for which said a steady urderand 2,000 mix a year should be ioned. The balance would be level by the Scattish Board. The CEGB's ordering promine represents £600m, worth plaot a year at entrent prices. e ordering whuld not start for years, and then he condi-



e ordering whuld not start for a years, and then he condi-hal un rationalisation of the wer expandence industry. The Stard says the pro-tother at a stable base on assumption of a growth and on electricity deciand of based on assumption of a growth and on electricity deciand of only 1.5 per cent. a year in a maximum of 55,000 mw by tother, aimed at a stable base, the economy as a whole, and a its supplying companies, its supplying companies, its substantial over-tacity until the 1990s of the with of electricity demand age growth cate for electricity with of electricity demand valued at the lawest forecast, the inore optimistic forecast id to absorbed by the early os. the over-capacity os. the inore optimistic forecast id to absorbed by the early os. the inore optimistic forecast id to absorbed by the early the inore optimistic forecast id to absorbed by the early the inore optimistic forecast id to absorbed by the early os. the inore optimistic forecast id to absorbed by the early os. the inore optimistic forecast id to absorbed by the early os. the inore optimistic forecast id to absorbed by the early os. the inore optimistic forecast id to absorbed by the early os. the inore optimistic forecast is whole and to grow at a rate or early indicated in the indicated reduction in man-toricity indicated in the indicated reduction in anchinea indicated in the indicate

Landowners urge rent rethink

NTROLLED RENTS should that fair rents should bear a whole question of security of converted in "fair rents," the "sensible" relation to capital lenure.

niry Landnwners Association values.

The present stringent provi niry Languagers Association. i vesterday. It was comment-on the Covernment's cunsul-'It shows a refreshing readi-to haper on the Kent Acts, habed earlier this year. Used of the state of the s Overall, it welcomes the paper, stons are a major cause of land-There is no justification for However, it believes the Grev volution in the attitude of all usi system of rent control," croment must go further than is political parties to leftings by a statement, which adds proposed, and re-examine the private landlords.

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HOME NEWS

Fists fly as hymns and drum rouse

the passions of Loyalists

KEVIN DONE IN ARMAG

MR. HAROLD McCUSKER, Official Unionist MP for Armagh, was attacked and kicked yesterday by an angry mob of extreme Loyalists as he left Armagh court-house. He he left Armagn contributes. He had been attending the open-ing of a bearing at which 18 members of the Ulster Service Corps went on trial accused of stepping np illegal vehicle check points on roads in the constr

The men's atcion had been given the complete backing of the Rev. Ian Paisley and Mr. Ernest Baird, leaders of the United Unionist Action Council strike, whn joined demon-strators ontside the court-

A crowd of abont 500 had gathered early to demonstrate against the trial. Despite the heavy presence of police and back-up troops in the area several ugly scenes developed. Two policemen were injured when some of the crowd tried to stop a bus. Scuffles developed when a moh tried to march

when a moh tried to march through the town hehind a Lambeg drum, the hig drum used throughout Ulster to whip up fervour at Orange parades and marches. The demon-strators were turned back by police.

Reporters and cameramen were singled nut for attention by the crowd. A camera crew was chased from the scene and some of the mob tried to seize the cameras.

As I tried to get into my car after leaving the court-bonse I was surrounded by abont 40 ynnths who started

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swaying and rocking the car. Some of them shnuted threats and abuse. Mr. Baird, threats and abuse. Mr. Baird, who had been standing nearby when I arrived, jnined in the verbal attack on me, but tried to restrain the much from attacking the car.

They stopped trying to tarn it over, but started to let the air out of the tyres and pressed in tightly around the

When Mr. Baird, who had been jnined by this time by Mr. John Dunlop, MP for mid-Ulster, saw that his efforts to stop the crowd's attack were having no effect, he threatened to leave, saying he would with-draw his leadership. from Armagh. "This is just what tha media want to come here and see," be shouted.

As he tried to storm off, the moh relented, allowing me to get intn the car. They opened np a narrow channel for me to get out, hut all the time kept np a forrent of threats and intimidation.

Earlier, the main crewd clappod Mr. Paisley as be entered the court building. Ulster Service Corps road blocks would continue, be warned, whatever the ontcome of the case. "The USC will continue to give security to the people of Northern Ireland as best then can " as best they can."

As the trial proceeded inside the courthouse, the crowd out-side was stirred up by a suc-cession of speakers. The rabble-rousing speeches con-trasted with the rural Armagh

BY PETER RIDDELL, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT



Ulster police scuffle with a Loyalist crowd at Armagh yesterday

like a psalm chant.

sarroundings, the conrthouse facing a long village green called the Mail, which was bathed in sunshine. Mr. Baird sbonted at one

point: "We have got to see who is with us and who is against us. I am getting a wee, bit tired of intimidation from the moderates at the Northern Ireland Office."

ster. Inside the court, five of the 18 accused were fixed £29 each for setting up filegal road blocks, but a member of the USC later warned that check-points would be set up again. Last month Mr. Baird said of the forthcoming trial: "Myself and Mr. Paisley have been ont on patrol with USC men. We should have been in the dock to-day instead of them." Between hymns, some of Mr. Paisley's Free Presbyterian ministers roused the crowd with tales fro Royalist mythology. The vaanted London-derry slege and the Apprentice Boys' heroics were referred to as if they were recent events. instead of being nearly 300 years old.

"Harold Wilson said we

Industry plans to invest £5bn.

should be forgetting all about the Dutch king," ahanted a minister to the crowd. "King Billy," came back the response Mr. McCusker, the MP beaten outside the cont, said that a "howing moh" had descended on him, hitting and punching him. As police rescued him and escorted him "Without King William, Wil-son wouldn't be sitting io Downing Street," said the miniaway, a leading member of Mr. Paisley's Democratic Unionist party, Mr. William Beattle, pursued him, shouting: "Go on,

bring him back to his The Inclusion The USC has never made much general impact in Ulster: it appears to consist of a small number of former members of the police reserve, the "B" Specials, disbanded in 1970. It operates in rural areas of Armagh, South Derry, Tyrone and Fermanagh, attempting to take the checking of cars into its own hands.

serves writ on Dell

By Michael Cassell, Building Corresponder

VORWEST HOLST, the building NORWEST HOLST. the building and civil engineering group, has served a writ on Mr. Edmund Dell, Scoretary for Trade, claim-ing that his decision to appoint inspectars to investigate the affairs of the company is "unlaw-ful, ultra vires and invalid."

ful, ultra vires and invalid." The company is olso attempt-ing to stop the two inspectors, Mr. Lewis John Davis, QC, and Mr. Thomas Garrard Harding, from exercising any of the stata-tory powers conferred upon them under the Companies Avt.

The Department of Trade announced in early March that Norwest was to be investigated under Section 165 (h) of the Companies Act, 1948, which covers failure to provide information to shareholders and possible frand.

Norwest said at the time that h had no idea of the basis for the investigation. Mr. Ted Brian, chief executive of the group since 1975, said he assumed that the house was control wither on Inquiry was centred either on events before his arrival or the events before his arrival or the position of some shareholders. Over a year ago shares in the group held by the Le Mare family, founders of Norwest, were nearly sold to two other directors. Mr. Raymond Slater and Mr. John Lilley. The move was vetoed by the City Takeover Page Paoei.

After the announcement nf the investigation, Norwest says it attempted to obtain from the Department of Trade the reasons surrounding the decision for an inquiry and an

outline of the evidence involved. The Secretary of State had refused to give any information and has told Nofwest that it is . not the practice of his Depart-ment to disclose the informa-tion requested. Neither was there any legal obligation for

Norwest | Leyland's share of market slides below 20%

BY TERRY DODSWORTH

THE LEYLAND Cars group suf- continued to make a substant fered the ignominy of watching lunguet on the utruit long its market share slide below 20 figures. In the case of Fe per cent, for the first time last these amounted to des at month-long toolmakers' strike in Imported 3,011 Cavalians February fed through the distriper cent.), and Chrysler, 1,576 (1.4 per cent.), and Chrysler, button system. The top independent images

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February fed through the distri-button system. Leyland's poor showing, et 19.6 per cent, of the market (12.007 the first time to year with a 31.6 per cent share (35.468 units). Its per cent

books. Imports, or 45.4 per cent. of to the same percentage low the market (51.028), failed to sales as last year, which climb over the 50 par cent, mark seemed likely understanding on ear indeed, importors' penetration ports between the Japanese fell marginally from the 45.6 British industries. per cent, captured in March. Cars brought into the U.K. by slightly up on last year; 475 the multinational compaties for the first four months, 455 from their European associates 477,384 in 1976.

Bid to expand in EEC

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there any legal obligation for him to do so. Norwest's solicitors, Bull and Bull, said last night: "In these circumstances the Board con-advice of leading and junior counsel. "It has now heen advised that the company should challenge the appointment of Mr. Davies and Mr. Harding as being un-lawful and invalid and the Board has resolved to accept this advice." Norwest is suggesting that the Construction of state's refusion in the solicity of the first significant with European officials re-attempt made by the society to sible for future legislation a develop interests, within the ing the motor industry.

there did not appear to be a monopoly situation et present, be would continue to keep developments in the industry under review. It is very unusual for the It is very unusual for the

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Office to say anything in edvance about future intentions. How-ever, Mr. Borrie explained that previous publicity about the industry had given rise to un-certainty and he felt it appropriate to make bis position clear in a public statement.

very unusual

Controversy was aroused oearly a year ago with the recommendation by a Govern-ment-sponsored study that British Shoe should he referred to the Monopolies Commission and its chain of 1.750 retail units split into six groups. British Shoe, in a confidential memorandum to Mr. Eric Varley, Industry Secretary, conphatically disputed the case put forward by the Economists' Advisory Group of management consultants

Mr. Borrie said his detailed review had established that no supplier or retailer of footwear appeared to meet the statutory criteria for making a monopoly reference.

However, the largest company, British Shoe. did command e significant share of the footwear market and the situation would therefore he kept under conunuing review.

Scott Lithgow 'wins £20m. Navy order'

By Our Glasgow Correspondent THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

"HE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE s expected to confirm soon that the Scott Lithgow group on the Lower Clyde has won a £20m. order to build a scabed opera-tion vessel for the Navy. The dynamatory position ship will he the first of its kind for

will he the first of its kind for the Navy and has been designed jointly hy the Ministry of Defence and Scott Lithgow, which has gathered considerable experience of this kind of technology through the con-struction of two drill ships. The order is important to the state of the

technology through the con-struction of two drill ships. The order is important to the shipbuilding group's Cartsburn yard. Greenock, which is huid-ing two 20,000-ton fleet replenish-ment vessals for the Auxiliary Fleet Service.

BY IAN HARGREAVES

Morley sells Grand Met. shares 'for living expenses'

BY MARGARET REID

THE MAN who beads the Mecca all absorbed in tax. entertainment group, and who created the Miss World contest, has sold £54,000 of shares in Mecca's parent company, Grand Matropolitan, because he cannot afford to meet family living expenses on his salary. Mr. Eric Morley, chairman of Mecca all absorbed in tax. The only other thing I could for 100,000 shares at between 75n and 82p. Last night, Grand Met-bave had to sell shares, which I didn't want to do. The sale of the only other thing I could at sale and that I doo't wanf to do Another note showed that one

afford to meet family living didn't want to do." Another note showed that one expenses on his salary. Mr. Eric Morley, chairman of The sale of the sbares, believed Mecca, said last night that be to have heen at ahout 77p each, had sold 70,000 shares in Grand was disclosed yesterday under Metropolitan, of which be is a the provisions of the Companies director, "because I just can't Act 1976, recently brought into live on my income, which is effect, by which directors' sbare only worth around £12,000 a year dealings have to be revealed. Another note showed that one Grand Met director, whose salary fell in the £33,001-£37,500 hat sold 70,000 shares in Grand was disclosed yesterday under would have had a take-home pay last year of £12,400, and another in the £32,501:£35,000 band, £12,000 net. Mr. Morley, who recently after tax."

Mr. Morley, who is 58 and Salary fall

BY TERRY WILKINSON, CITY STAFF

whose wife Julia plays an Salary Iala Club international and whose important rola in the organisa. The 1976 accounts of Grand entry in Who's Who says be tion of the Miss World contests. Metropolitan, whose chairman is introduced commercial bingo explained: "I've moved into a Metropolitan, whose chairman is into the U.K., also said: "Like the new house and I've got five Mr. Maxwell Joseph, showed Mr. rest of the country, I've geared children. 1 baven't had a salary Morley as bolding 251,690 Ordi- my life-style to the standard of increase for four years and if f nary shares at January 7, 1977. A five years ago and I've had to bad, it would have heen almost note recorded that he was among sell capital to maintain it.

Racal chief urges State help

THE POST OFFICE bas assured unions that the decision in hand back £100m.

of excess profits to telephone subscribers will not affect investment plans. Mr. Brian Stanley, general secretary of the Post Office Engineering Union, said yes-terday that he had been assured that the Government would arrange for sufficient borrowing to allow the planned

Mr. Morley, who recently became president of Variety Club International and whose borrowing to allow the planned investment to continne. He said: "The Post Office view is that the refund may even help to stimulate additional business, and we are assured that the refund will not have any effect on tele-communications revenue dur-ing the 1977-78 financial year."

Once-for-all

refund

By Max Wilkinson

Subscribers will be given a f7 once-for-all refund b-vause the Post Office's telecommuni-cations profit of about £350m. was considered excessive by was considered excessive of the Price Commission. The Post Office proposed the refund when it became clear that profits for the year ended March 31 would exceed margins laid down by the price

code Workers in the Post Office workers in the Post Office and its supplying companies can be expected to feel dis-quiet at the refund. The Post Office ent £230m. off its invest-ment programme last year. It is estimoted that this will lead to less of np to 15,000 jobs

in the supplying industry. At the time, the Post Office said the cut was made in respose to new forecasts of telephone demand and exchange

investment the union should be rightly concerned at what appeared another miscalcula-tion by the Fost Office. "A series of miscalculations -and errors in forecasting by the Fost Office adds condsider-able weight to the union's critteisms of the present Post Office management system. "The annouccement also seems to be a fresh example of Governmental Intervention in Post Office affairs. Until recently it appeared that Government Ministers were fully supporting the level of

fully supporting the level of profitability of the telecom-munications pusiness.

March textiles output steady, **Post Office** engineers but imports cut demand worried by

BY RHYS DAVID, TEXTILES CORRESPONDENT

THE BRITISH textile industry year

is now firmly on a plateau after The federation points to Workers' Union.

John Lewis Partnership

Sales rise 20% for

BY OUR CONSUMER AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

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its recovery last year. latest strong demand abroad for staple He told the union's ao figures from the British Man. fibre in the first quarter, but the conference at Bleckpool that made Fibres Federation's monthly out-but figures show that despite the now be taking place with orders aomething more positive l relatively good production in for staple falling ovar recent Whitehall. March of 55.49m.kg, the total for the year so far is 154.89m. kilo-grammes-quarterly averages is ducers are encouraged, however, in the spinning section by also down on the first and last quarters of last year. Production has been affected by a drop in demand because of the Quarterly average topped ducts into the U.K., and is still down substantially on 1973 when the quarterly average topped of fibre producers on export from the increased dependence of fibre producers on export markets, which accounted for the U.K. market is also apparent from the increased dependence of fibre producers on export markets, which accounted for put during the first quarter this to Mr. Jim Browning, president our own industries.

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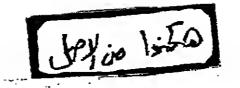
tion After an extensive ration SALES of the North Eestern year to 1115m. despite a big fall Coop, seen as the prototype of in non-food volume. Trading conditions during the which the movement should try to devlop in the future, increased its ssies by 14.4 per cent. last society's formation six years ago.

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But in March, the export of had a record month for exports f230m. for the same quarter last over the quarter. 'n March, with deliveries worth year. 'n March figures continue, how the poor levels of the March figures within the of American aircraft to British craft and parts reached f47m. performance in the first two aerospace industry. In January Airways and British Caledonian belowd he delivery of four and February the net surplus of and the April figures are ex-The f100.6m. March return exports over Imports had pected to be heavily influenced 111s. Over one-third of the March takes the quarterly total to slumped to a mere f20m., hut again by this factor. But in March, the export of engines and parts, at f44.7m.. continued to provide underlying continued to provide underlying continued to provide underlying the sale of atr-takes the quarterly total to slumped to a mere f20m., hut again by this factor. But in March, the export of engines and parts reached f47m. But in March, the export of engines and parts reached f47m. belowd to a mere f20m., hut again by this factor. But in March, the export of engines and parts reached f47m. But in March four engines are ex-British Alreraft Corporation BAC exports were to EEC countries.

Record month for aerospace exports

capacity. Mr. Stanley said that "in spite of assurances about investment the union should



LABOUR NEWS

Provincial journalists obey strike call

BY OUR LABOUR STAFF

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provincial newspapers in Eng. with their inion's instruction. land and Wales appeared to be Mr. John Peterson of the obeying a union instruction for Newspaper. Society said be a 24-hour strike which came into caperted that provincial newseffect late yesterday.

The strike call from the National Union of Journalists-io support of a dispute at a Mid-lands group of newspapers-was designed to bring out 9,000 pro-vincial journalists and disrupt Press coverage of yesterday's county conneil elections.

the day to day operation of provincial newspapers, particu-larly dailies: is notorionsly diffculyt to halt by a short strike of journalists, however. The Newspaper Society, representing most provincial proprietors. expected . would come out normally. Journalists at the Press Asso-

Journalists at the Press Asso-iciation news agency, which sup-plies most daily newspapers, decided earlier in the week to hignore the strike instruction. Press Association copy was being ... sent to newspapers last night in

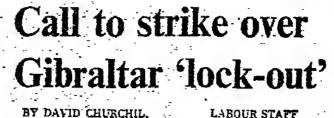
JOURNALISTS AT a majority of went out on strike in accordance agency's copy, but colleagues provincial newspapers in Eng- with their prior's instruction. in television news and current papers would manage a good coverage. of the election

The NUI's instruction for journalists ... to- " black " the

journalists to black the news agency's copy during the one-day strike was generally ignored by journalists on national newspapers. Journalist chapels (uffice branches) at the Telegraph, Goardian, Funacial Times, Daily Mail, Daily and Sunday Express voted to ignore the instruction. Journalists at the Times, passed a procedural motion allowing members to handle PA copy which was expected to have the same effect.

As at the Press Association, however, some journalists were ignoring their chapel decision following instead the union's instruction.

Journalists on BBC Radio Neux, decided to obey the instruction not to handle the



BY DAVID CHURCHIL.

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Angry doctors want explanation for leak of salary agreement

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MR. FRANK CHARTLE, general wolch BSC is now almost a secretary of the Electrical and bystander. Plumbing Trades Union, will be - Meanwhile 6,700, other stcel-asked on Monday to make official workers have gone on the dole, the six-week strike by electri- plus an puldentifable number in clans that has short the British associated local firme, and no Steel Garporation Port Tablet steel is being induced at the

Steel Corporation Port Tabot steel is being produced at the Works in South Wales. plant. Leaders of the strike will go BSC bas ordered 70.000 tons of to the union beadquarters, at from abroad, mainly Hayes. Kent, for a meeting with plate works at keep the tin-Hayes. Kent, for a meeting with stall function of the first stall and the stall stall and the stall st

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INVISIBLE EARNINGS

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REPRESENTATIVES of miners for a phased return to free In South Wales called yesterday collective bargaining. for the social contract to be The South Wales area member-scrapped and nrged the Govern- sbip is only one of 20 union ment to increase spending. The sections in the country and is all decision reinforces; especiations not likely on sits own to swing it that miners will resist any form the mood of the forthcoming of further wage restraint at national conference. The area the annual conference of the was said at the section's confer-National Union of Mineworkers once to suffer from at 89 ner-National Union of Mineworkers ence to suffer from an 8.9 per in July. cont. inemployment rate com-in rejecting a continuation of pared with 6.1 per cent. nation

the pay policy, delegates repre- ally. senting 30,000 members in the Delegates resisted calls by region at the union's South Mr. Tom Walker, a otoderate Wales areas annual conference executive-member, to stick with at Portheawl, Glamorgan, also the Government and not indulge threw out a resolution calling in "hypocrisy" by anacking it.

Concorde redundancies row may cause strike

BY OUR LABOUR STAFF

ENGINEERS AND Stiers work-ENGINEERS AND fitters works. There are three Unicordes on ing on Concorde warned yester. Filton's production line at the day that unless there was agree moment plus one heing modified. arent un severance pay for those The BAC factury there also aurkers to be made redundont handles sub contract work and it Filton, near Bristof, industrial makes parts for its 111 aircraft action would be taken against be British Aircraft Corpuration. Shinyard strike

Nearly 500 jobs are to be cut if the Corporation's Filton base by July as Cuncorde production uns down. A further 285 jobs cill go by the end of the year. The Corporation expects that he vast holk will be accounted after by volumtary redundancies,

cdeployment and early retireul to-day

More than 1,500 sheet nictal to-day. norkers, engineers, electricians About 300 mcn were laid off od nther workers vnted almost nn Wednesday at the yard. A nanimously for a shop stewards' further 500 were told to go home notion which said that unless last night because of a strike by mutual satisfaction was 66 members of the Transport chleved in talks on severance and General Workers' Unlon, ay, another mass meeting would The strike has already simpled e called and industrial action work on a frigale contract for onld follow. Brazit.

Big wage rises sought by knitwear workers

BY OUR LABOUR STAFF

LLS for substantial wage ments for shift and overtime creases form a large block of working. Demands for an induse resolutions for the annual try-wide sick pay scheme and a resnutions for the annual reduction in working hours plerence of the National from 40 to 38 a week for some non of Hostery and Knitwear shift workers are also included orkers at Southpart next Besolutions express dissatis wreers at Southpart next Besolutions express dissatis, mth. Most of the resolutions, hnw. Equal Pay Act and the way cr, are in terms of a third entitlements to uniternity pay ase of pay control, though are worked oul. me are simed at a phased The Leicester district is press-urn to "free collective ing for more public accounta-hility and control of large building and the union's companies in the textile and orkers at Southpart next in the texule and number of the union's companies stricls call for improved pay- knitwear industries.

Shipyard strike men to discuss peace plan By Our Labour Staff

STRIKERS involved in a demarcation dispute which that Cocpositent and early retire detuarcation dispute whether and early retire detuarcation dispute workers for the first led in \$00 shipyard workers (ratch of jobs should involve being laid off at the Vosper ompulsory redundancies. Some Thornycroft Sard in Southamp, edundancy stories will be sent ton will discuss a peare plan put forward by the management



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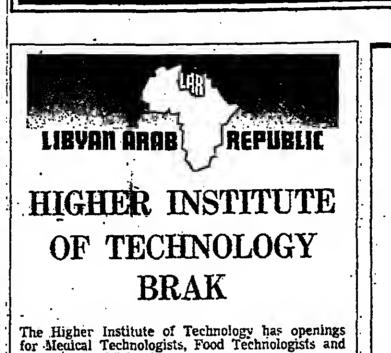
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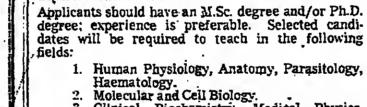
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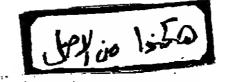
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roleum's Forties Field.

FOR UK COMMERCIAL FIELDS A reappraisal of seismi internation has led Shell and FIELD o substantially to upgrade ON STREAM ch is due on stream in 1978. Argell imales of peak production Auk c risen from 100,000 barrels. Berry lay in 150,000 b/d while Fortier overable reserves have been Montros ated from 425m. barrels-to- Piper

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Furthermore, the Department of about its development plan. Energy's latest energy policy Mesa is due to present its ideas presented to the at a meeting on May 18. Economic Develop The local fishing industry is presented to review National

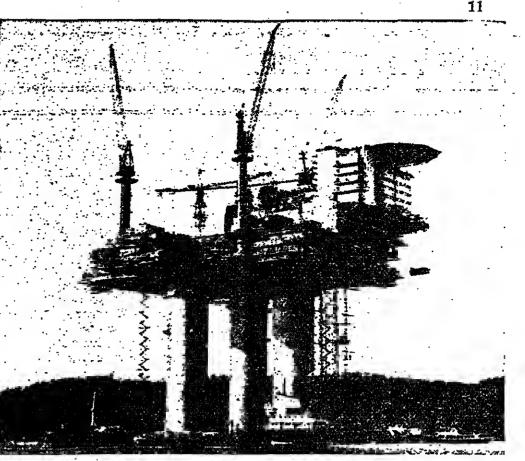
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However, the way Beatrice is safety areas to "hide " from the developed is more problemati- fishermen. It is an established cal. For a start, it is bound up fact that fish are attracted to with all the environmental the water around the hase of issues that are now being given offshore structures.

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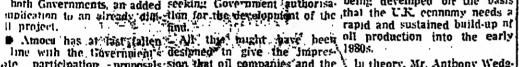
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BY ARTHUR SMITH

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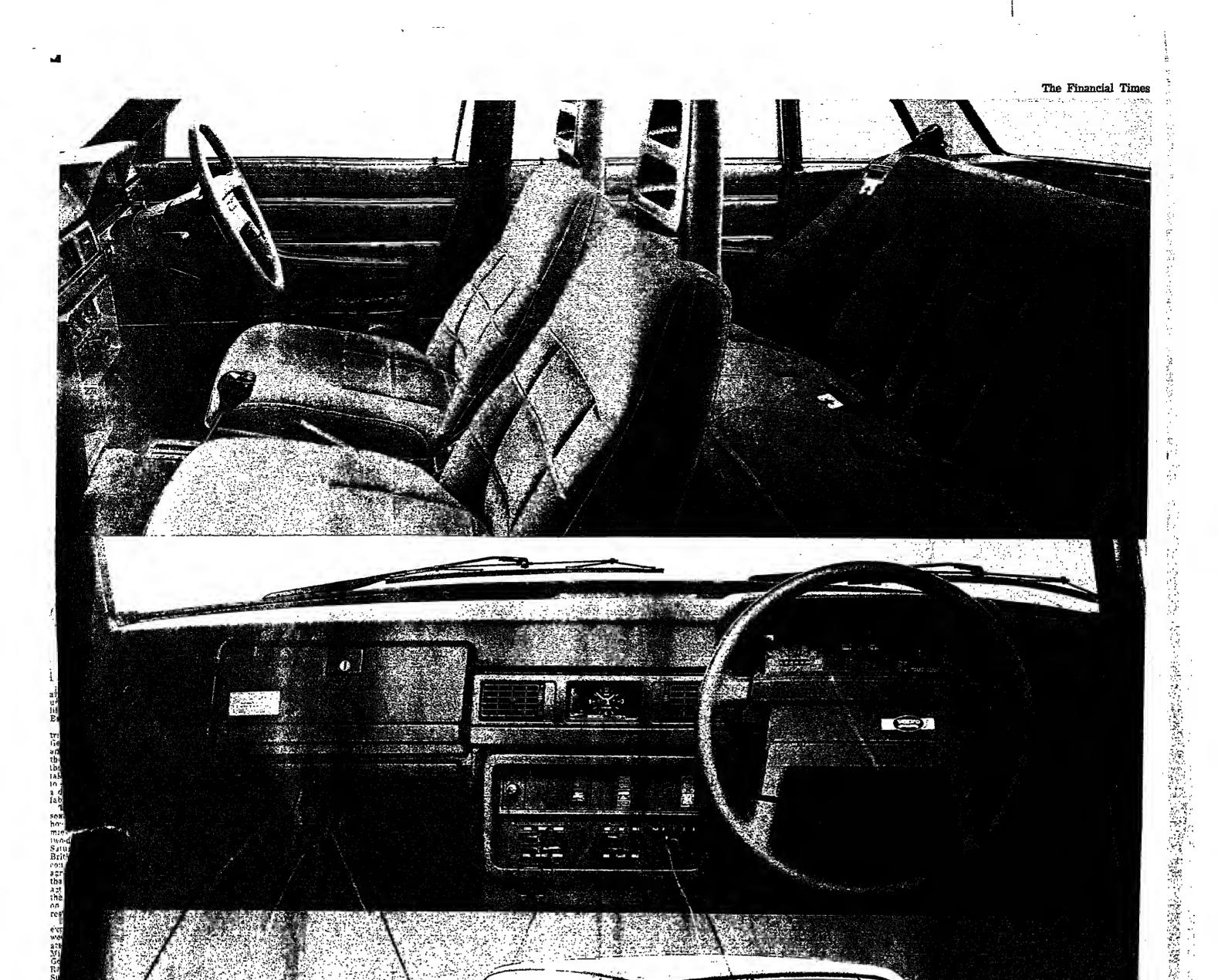
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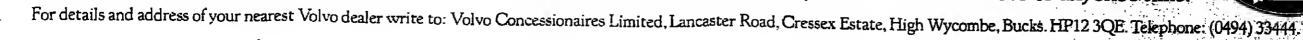
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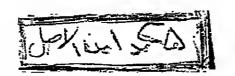
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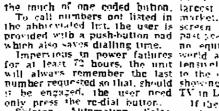
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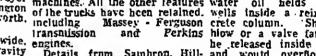
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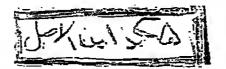
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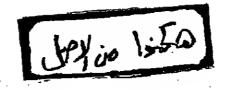
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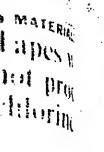






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Heavy flow of imports By Ted Schoeters

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According to Dr. Larkin, who runs the East Kilbride plant, it

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This is what much of the Japanese VLSI programme is Burden about. At the same time, Amdahl with the support of Motorola is doubling its plant Fojitsu and Itek with that of capacity and by end-1978 will National Semiconductor, are have some £7m, worth of buildable to challenge IBM with ings and equipment producing technology-based equipment. for the export markets mainly The danger is that if a country in Europe. Dr. Larkin puts the gives up the component battle cost of setting up a line for the and tells its manufacturers to go production of microprocessors and do the best they can for at about £2m. Thus while the themselves in buying from cost of developing a new proforeign sources, they will run duct such as the Ferranti micro This is some- into suppliers who are moving was put at "only a few hunnp-market and are making or dred thousaod pounds" it is planning to build just that apparent that the hear financial burden on a company comes equipment that the would-be when it has to make the decicomponent buyer relles on for sioos to establisb a production new products are on the market technology and determine what its marketing strategies are before starting to manufacture

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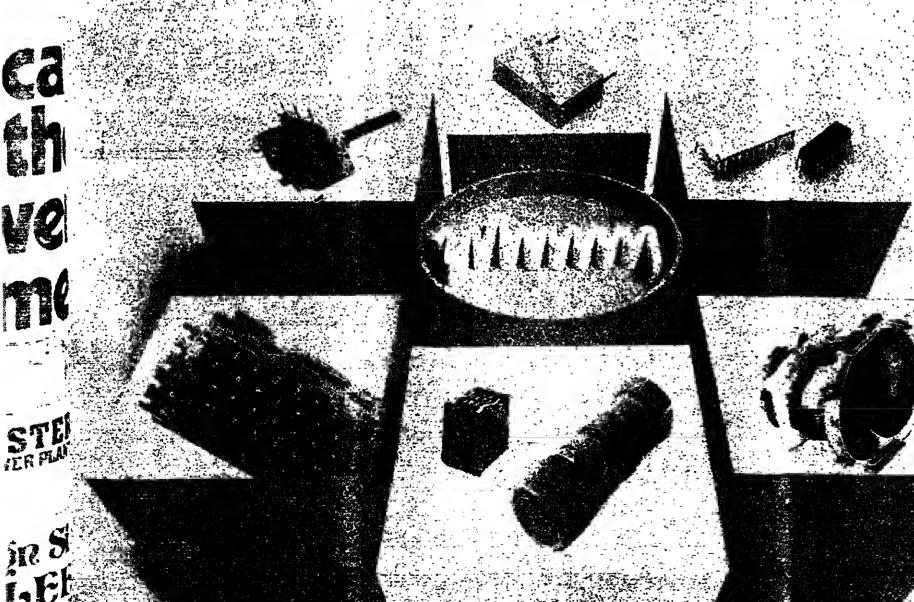
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'50s, and led to the first the 50s, and 1cd to the next Economics and the the start it is accounted for many or modular electronics package, conductor industry to such an the greater demand for elec-Bu; this development, ingenious untent that an integrated cir-tronic products, and changes in But this development, ingentiate cust may be designed in one semiconductor technology which the expected impact because of country, processed in another, two oute separate dereinp- packaged in a third, tested in a ments which have dominated tourth, and marketed wherever fectronics ever since. the demand may be. It has First came the decision by accome meaningless to talk electronics ever since. multinational companies to use about a country of origin, low-cost workers in developing because usually an integrated countries for the labour-inten- circuit cannot be said to have sive assembly operations of elec been "made" anywhere, tronics. One of the first such

moves was made in 1957, when Bouts Sony contracted the assembly of

secking work of this kind, and other companies started 10 follow Sony's example. "Off-tionship. The multinationals Companies which assemble duct. That was around 1970, hut part of their production to shore assembly," as it came to be known, began to spread--to faiwan, Korea and Singapore, to Indonesia and the Philippines. to Moxico and Puerto Rico. to Mexico and Puerto Rico.

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greater complexity during the becomes not-so-chean. past 15 years. Medium-scale integration (MSI) was followed

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As early as 1962 Fairchild Semiconductor Equipment and tively). established a semiconductor Materials Institute estimated

automate the assembly of come of a major factor in this increase. ponents into finished circuits, the labour-intensive assembly mark by 1982. Known as Project Tinkertoy, it operations to be undertaken in this significant, though, that automation as such is not a National Bureau of Standards in isour areas. But investme

Economics now rule the semi- It is accounted for mainly by which may encourage automate semi-automatic equipment is few actually went out of But cheap labour is rather tion, but often automation is used extensively to improve business because, they said, like oil-just as we think it is becoming an essential part of productivity. American competent the process for technical Nothing so highlights this come too strong, reasons. The automatic transfer tug-nf-war between the desire But as the

But investments on this scale the steadily reducing "parts tioo at home-the nilshore are only justified if the product couot" which resulted from the assembly is being manufactured in loog growing complexity of inte-politically unstable, the wel-runs. Otherwise it is cheaper grated circuits could spell the come given to newconcers may and quicker to have line opera- and of offshore assembly. By disappear as a tors inserting components and the early part of 1974 Japanese nationalism deve require new investment by tors inserting components and the early part of 1974 Japanese nationalism develops, and manufacturers. This expenditure assentbling chassis by band. A calculator manufacturers were above all the cost of labour will in itself prompt companies lot of that still goes on even in beginning to shift some of grows as the workers' aspira-to seek savings in labour costs. For the tabour the start though their negative built some of grows as the workers' aspirato seek savings in labour costs, high labour cost areas, though their production to the U.S. A tions increase.

But as the parts count of silicon wafers from one step to manufacture at home and reached the irreducible mini- like the Caribbean and Central to another of the manufacture the reliance on cheap offshore mum, and as the price-cuiting America; Texas Instruments sony contracted the assembly of an example, is labour to the manufacture the trend bit of the business of the business of electronics necessary to ensure the ultra- the portable calculator. Japan tense, the advantages of low- Intel is to open one in Barbados several Far East countries were assembly. The multinationals clean environment which LSI was first to come up with the cost labour areas began to re-After that it may be African secking work of this kind, and and the offshore nations have a cod VLSI demands, rather than concept of the small electronic assert themselves. American turn,

back part of the production by manufacturer to arrange differ- and the availability of solid- well over half were imported,

While this trend was getting automotics more manufacturing ent components in "handoliers" state light-emitting diodes for with many coming from Hong under way, a development in processes at home. The offshore which then feed through a the display, had revolutionised Kong, Taiwan and Malaysia, technology pushed concepts like pations, having first welcomed

tioic, and the benefits of low- steadily reducing the labour

cost labour were discounted. content. There is much to be At first it seemed as though said for concentrating produc-

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American competition had be- going to run out, somebody finds a fresh deposit. To-day offshore assembly is shifting to ereal

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The technology race

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manutacities of lotegrated cir- declaration enter are no longer inducts to the extent the Mackintosh is a sub-set of large-scale and more important than that electronic programmable contained of the extent of the and the processing of the semi- valves, for example-are no Front a world hase of over variety of other areas in elec West Europe's offtake of the entertainment which could interconductor wafers are capital. longer used. Even so, the invest. \$3hn. last year shared out be. tronic components and sub-latter in 1976 was worth about prove their end-product. of Intensive operations and call ment in production equipment tween the U.S. (44 per cent.), assemblies where the entry fee \$3ho, or some 20 per cent, reduce its costs. And all this in for a high degree of creativity by the semiconductor indusiry is Europe (19 per cent.) and is just as high. Take for higher than for active com- an area where the actual device a bubble memory, on ponents. on the part of electronic variantially in the next few team expects demand to grow to engineers, final assembly calls substantially in the next few team expects demand to grow to for manual dexterity which — years. so far — can only be done satis. A survey undertaken last year factorily by the human hand, by finottic Concepts Inc. for the factorily by the human hand. by finottic Concepts Inc. for the factorily by the human hand. by finottic Concepts Inc. for the factorily by the human hand. by finottic Concepts Inc. for the factorily by the human hand. by finottic Concepts Inc. for the factorily by the human hand. by finottic Concepts Inc. for the factorily by the human hand. by finottic Concepts Inc. for the factorily by the human hand. by finottic Concepts Inc. for the factorily by the human hand. by finottic Concepts Inc. for the factorily by the human hand. by finottic Concepts Inc. for the factorily by the human hand. by finottic Concepts Inc. for the factorily factorily for the human hand. by finottic Concepts Inc. for the factorily by the human hand. by finottic Concepts Inc. for the factorily factorily factorily for the factorily factorily for the factorily fa

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technoogy to move quite quickly towards the single-chip design in which the memory and the processor itself are contained in the same device. Significantly

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National Semiconductor puts

the 1980 market for the micro

with its associated circuits and

board systems at \$1bn., and

divides it into three main seg-ments. The low-end consumer

market would represent \$400m.

The general purpose category

would be of the same order

covering such functions as data

transmission and language translation, peripherals, ter

minals, ctc., while the more complex units of 16-bits will

command a computational market worth \$200m. National sees the white goods

market as a major outlet for a simple controller since it is

entering a marketplace where

there were no electronics before. And it sees one of its

major functions as offering an

adaptation service which will allow the TV set designer or the

car assembler to have his own

dedicated micro, which will still

be based on a standard product.

National however, is the estimate for the micros them-

selves, that is, not including memory or peripherals. The wurld figures become \$33m. in

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One fascinating statistic from

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This is not likely to figreet collapse and market with aids, for if other in become help available is neede master it

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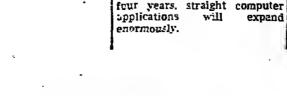
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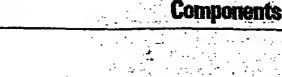
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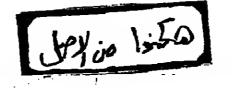
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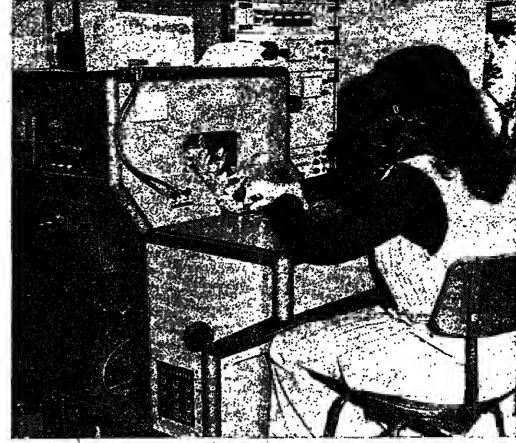
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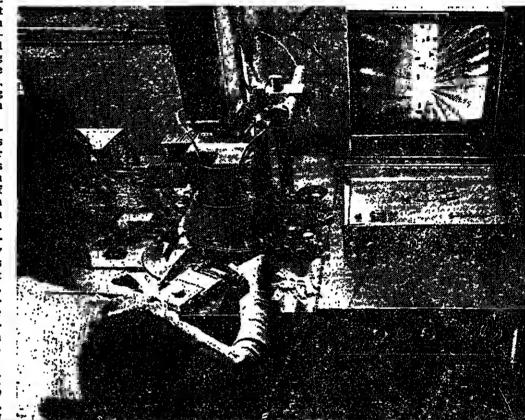
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Two examples of automatic testing equipment. Above : Checking capacitors at Advance Filmcap, Wrexham, Wales. Below : Thickfilm hybrid substrates under test at Erie Electronics, Yarmouth.



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Stringent tests for quality control

SOME TEN years agn, when it consuming and require highly vision of advice nn national and became clear that the trend in skilled staff to carry out and international standards. electronic component engineer- analyse. It would be difficult to autor to a similar service on passive to test adequately with oscillo-and unier devices, to save inward stage. But at the same tion service also nperating out signals produce is too complex and unier and power and arold heating problems. many namu-facturers saw the testing sequ-ence for devices with up to 500 transistors on a chip ooe quarter of an inc square sets in the production line, deal of interest is an announce-sible to schieve as part of a ret tests there had to be because of the stingent on provide assessment and test. Yet tests there had to be because of the stingent on product assessment and test. Yet tests there had to be because of the stingent on product assessment and test. Yet tests there had to be be and the stingent on product assessment and test. Yet tests there had to be be cause of the stingent on product assessment and test. Yet tests there had to be be cause of the stingent on product assessment and test. Yet tests there had to be be cause of the stingent on product assessment and test. Yet tests there had to be be cause of the stingent on product assessment and test. Yet tests there had to be be cause of the stingent on product assessment and test. Yet tests there had to be be cause of the stingent on product assessment and test. Yet tests there had to be be cause of the stingent on product assessment and test. Yet tests there had to be be cause of the stingent on product assessment and test. Yet tests there had to be be cause of the stingent on product assessment and test. Yet tests there had to be be cause of the stingent on product assessment and test. Yet tests there had to be be cause of the stingent on product assessment and test. Yet tests there had to be cause of the stingent on product assessmen

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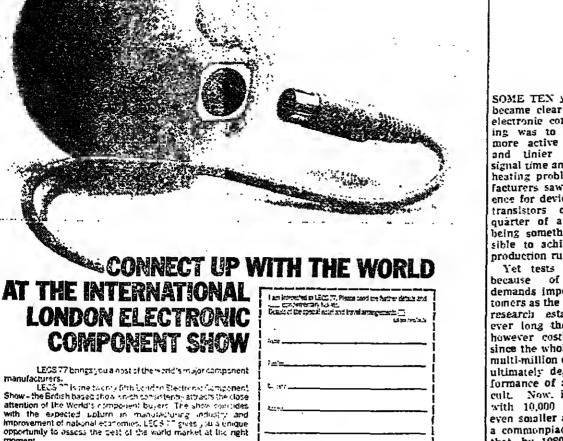
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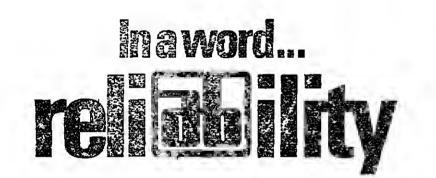


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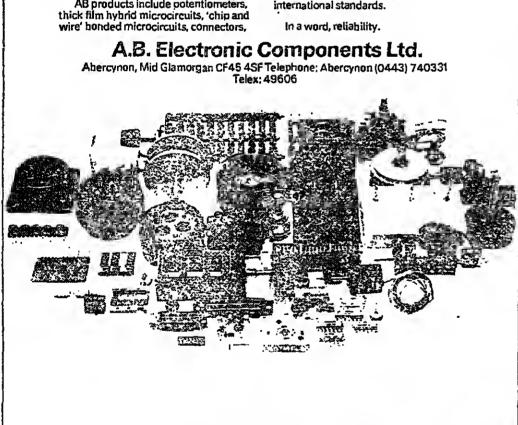
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"hybrid" printed circuit users? assembly, designed to plug onto One of the U.K.'s self-made a microprocessor system board. microprocessor selling giants, The final cost of this sophisti- distributor Dave Griffin of ject twice, and the work in-cated device was around £100— Cramer, has recently been tak-reflecting the savings in ing a seminar circus around assembly, over the printed the country, comparing the tereflecting the savings in ing a seminar circus around microprocessor is equivalent to the device and the country. comparing the term means that the final cost of the savings in ing a seminar circus around microprocessor is equivalent to the device are 12 bits wide. assembly over the printed the country, comparing the very nearly that: circuit board, but still coslier three devices he is franchised. The industry ha assembly over the printed the country, comparing the very nearly that. The industry has drawn aome understand electronics again. If the industry has drawn aome understand electronics again. If is new invention will come. What is the world begins to dd conclusions from this new invention will come. What is is will stick my neck out and the substraint of the industry has drawn aome understand electronics again. If is were technologically about designing with them frast feasible. First details of this wonder gers, John Lythal, summed up replaced hy "custom chip" micro." Imagine the develop for the design by a company using board of TTL was (and still is) the dished product and the first reduced to LSI circuitry. First on how the new device what it will enst ynu in man-

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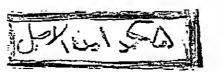
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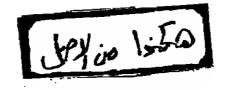
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in this field report expand- facility for inse by customers, plans to expand its range with business, with more orders Called COMIC, (for Customer two more ULAs which could ming from elsewhere in Organised MOS Integrated well bring the use of ULAs into rope as well as from the U.S. Circuits), the Tachily is de- more demanding applications. d Japan. signed to meet the requirements The new Plessey devices are a U.K. semiconductor houses of lower quantity custom design. 100-gate emitter-coupled logic ve, for example, scooped large where design costs must be kept array for use in bigb-speed com-ders from Japan and the U.S. to a minimum. The facility puting applications, and a huge supply purpose milt inte consists of a library of logic 1.000 gate array which uses the ated circuits for use in CB function cells, which the custo- new bipolar technology called the equipment. Other recent mer can organise to fit his own I L.

stomers for UK, manufac-requirements. Hughes quotes red customer design chips several examples of the types Speeds lude Thompson CSF, for of circuits they can produce in pir Europager system, AEG their costom design facility: The 1,000-gate array could be lefunked with frequency syn. CMOS circuits for a Norvegian used io applications where siscrs, and even the U.S. defence system. MOS circuits nperating speeds above those ctronics giant TI which Plas. for, the Post Office, and remote achieved with currect MOS has supplied with an undis- control systèms for TV produced devices are required, and where in conjunction with a European power requirements are at a sed custom-built TC.

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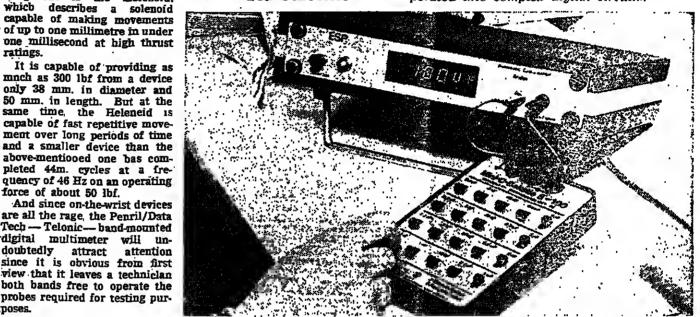
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in, customers chose custom automatic telephone dialling with prospective customers, he sign for three reasons. Ken systems. adshaw, marketing manager. Pye TMC's John Rhodes is a Plessey will dominate the ULA plains: "Customers may need great believer in purpose market by 1980, which he e technology of a new design designed, large-scale integrated estimates to be worth a total of order to achieve their re- circuits. His company's philo- around £250m.

ired performance. Here sophy is based on the belief Ferranti sees the ULA as the stom design provides security that only those engineers answer to the threat posed to design investment." Secondly, involved in a particular indussuggests, "The customer may try sector are fully familiar processor. According to Alan ve some unique solution th a with its requirements, and that sum problem in a competitive in-bouse design of special ld, and wish to protect his devices is the most efficient rket position. Another solution. Multipurpose chips perform tive may be to optimise the which can be modified or used t of large-scale integrated in conjunction with other de-, processing unit of a micro uit production." . . .

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so-called uncommitted logic the process house. tcreasingly, the trend is to array is a matrix of logic gates ds more customer involve- which can be connected in any it in design. Semiconductor required pattern to specify its

premium. A further advantage te can lie in performance, ' An alternative approach taken of the new FL array will be that

> Already. says. Bradshaw claims that

Ferranti sees the ULA as the custom design by the micro-Williamson, Product Marketing Manager for ICs, there is increasing use of ULAs to peripheral the functions around the centra vices to meet requirements processor. These are generally increase costs and produce a performed by IC sets or less efficient system, says Pye. descrete components. ULAs can be has used Plesson and therefore cash in on the microless efficient system, says Pye. Pye has used Plessey and

processor boom. But the real strength of custom design are open to cessing bouses for its latest ULAs is that they can be simply electronic equipment maou- venture. The company can and quickly implemented in the uter, ranging from the com- furnisb layout data to semie design and manufacturing conductor manufacturers so that The circuits are 80 per cent. customer's design requirements. the offered by several semi- they can make the chips on any The circuits are 80 per cent. Standard business in the U.K. standard MOS production line standard, say Ferranti, and only

to be completed. This final prod over final layout drawings . A short-cut to custom design cess dictetes the aluminium conch merely require process is, however, offered by an all nections between the logic ele ments and defines the function

of the chip. According to Ferranti the design of this connection mask is analagous to printed circuit board design and is therefore a amiliar process to most custo-

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mers. The company offers cus tomers' engineers a two-week training course to enable them to perform their own mast design if required. This simple approach allows ULA designs to be completed within a matter of a few weeks which cuts down design costs considerably, and otakes them particularly attrac tive to equipment manufac turers needing a quick solution in competitive markets. Ferranti answer critisisms o inefficient use of chip space by saying that in many designs the

circuits are equivalent in pack ing density to purpose built LS circants. The ULA is seen by manufac

turers as offering the best of both worlds; the speed of design with standard circuits, and the security and repeatable lity of custom design. What it means to the customers could be a lowering of the threshold above which custom design becomes a viable approach to electronic equipment design.

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PARLIAMENT and POLITICS

PM looks for next mortgage rate fall

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BY IVOR OWEN. PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

ANOTHER FALL in bailding aoother round of pay restraint the moment Britain's economic society interest rates "scon" was and for a return to free collec- position justified such action. forecast by the Prime Minister tive bargaining in Angust. "Things are going the right in the Commons yesterday when The Prime Minister, told by way." he stressed. he again claimed that most of Mr. Martin Flannery (Lab., Mr. Norman Tebbitt (C., Ching-the economic indicators are Sheffield Hillsborough) that ford) asked the Prime Minister to indicate if it was the employ-

the economic indicators are Sbefield Hillsborough) that moving in the right direction. But while be pointed to the tract were now severely in rise in Britain's official reserves question, stated that the Govern-tand the continuing steady decline ment had already recognised the in interest rates, Mis. Margaret pressures arising from differen-tasserted that since Labour returned to power in 1974, Britain had had the worst record on inflation of any European country except Leeland. "We must, over the poyt two

on inflation of any European country except Iceland. "We must, over the next two Mr. Callaghan reaffirmed his to three months, try to work for This was a situation which had view that the inflation rate will a policy which will relieve those been experienced before and continue to fail in the second pressures." be said continue to fall in the second pressures," be said half of this year and in the Dealing with a su first quarter of 1978. Mr. Flannerv ther

half of this year and in the Dealing with a suggestion by failed to the future of Britain was David Owen. Foreign Secretary. Ar. Flanner, thet the way to Now the future of Britain was David Owen. Foreign Secretary. He accused Tory back-relieve the pressures was to re-involved and the Government in the Commons on Wednesday benchers of abowing "glee" et flate the economy. Mr. Callagban was determined to make another about the Hansard report of the the decision of the AUEW con- assured him that the Govern- effort to secure agreement on a previous day's proceedings. He for an another about the ready to reflete further phase of incomes policy, said he had heard the Prime

Commons restorday over a Hansard report of what the Prime Minister said or did rat say-in the House on Tuesday about Government policy on aid to liberation movements. Mr. Callaghan was replying to an allegation by Mr. John Davies, shadow Fureign Secretary. At the end of the exchanges, Mr. Davies withdrew "anything which, in any sense, sought to damage Mr.

successive Governments had failed to deal with it. Mr. Davies had questioned Dr. Now the future of Britain was David Owen. Foreign Secretary. Dealing with a suggestion by failed to deal with it.

Queen's unity call 'made on advice of Ministers'

BY IVOR OWEN, PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

WITH A FEW deft touches in not e statement of Government He joked: "They now appear the Commons yesterday, the policy like the speech from the intent on replacing the monarch Prime Minister acted swiftly to throne. by another Old Pretender wbo

could lead to the hreak-up of having heen made on the edvice of Ministers as are all Her Majesty's speeches. "I saw it

In the course of good-tempered Majesty's speeches. "I saw it in tune with the sentiment of and, at times, light-bearted myself before tt was delivered the House as was the speech of question time exchanges, he and saw no reason to propose Her Majesty on Wednesday, made it clear that her striking plea to Parliament on Wednes-the prime Minister's words the antimet the sentimet. The prime Minister's words

day to ensure the continuing were warmly cheered from both unity of the kingdom should he sides of the House. Ir. Callaghan advised MPs to

Silver Jubilee, led to immediate Earlier, in light-hearted vein, majority. criticism from Scottish National Mr. Dennis Canavan (Lah, Stir-He thou MPs

Silver Jubilee, led to immediate criticism from Scottish National Mr. Demis Canavan (Lah, Stir He though it would be useful be intherwise reported in 1hE Doraci or analyse. The described as PM should send a message to the progress with it. If necessary, But he added: "I withdraw (Cabinet, knew that if he canne to a for the rebel Rhodesian here. "Nothing has happened which is any Britain individuals could lake or the real demands of the aenes, sought to damage the out a private prosecution against the Honge." "The Queer's Evring and other logalists in the could ther matter for the source of the statements about thin the source of the statements about the buse of a kitter at this stage." Sketed since when it here here all demands of the aenes, sought to damage the out a private prosecution against the Honge: "The Queer's Evring and other logalists in the could there needed the matter for the matter for the source of the statements about this matter. It was not flause and preserving of the to state at the buse statements about think in a prosecution against in receiver of a write of a write of summers. The dements of the result of summers to a prosecution against in the added the gathering of the tages south to the statements about think at the demands of the aenes, sought to damage the out a private prosecution against or possible and whele was discound the longs. "The Queen's Evring and other logalists in the could there needed the matter for the summers." The Queen's Evring and other logalists in the could there added the statements about this matter. It was not flause and the statements about this logate and presentions. That was for in 1975 compared to 70,000 r 1975 compared t

Callagban commented that Mr. ford) shorted: "Disgraceful. Canavan seemed to be as much Worse than Wilson."

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Mr. Stewart jocularly sug- touch with him or sent somebody Policy The Queen's words, eddressed fits of maintaining the integrity the Liberal leader, the Prime Min. Davies said he could not to MP's end peers when she of the U.K. "That remains the Minister recalled that the House withdraw his remarks. The congratulations from policy of the Government," be gave a second reading to the statement by the Prime Minister, devolution Bill by a substantial which had been heard by MP's and reported in the Press, should he ntherwise reported in

Callaghan Powell pledges support denies for Ulster rule of law changing

BY JOHN HUNT, PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE of Northern The method chosen by the station at Eullylumfind was Financial Times Repeties are demonstrating their Action Council merchy distract working normally. THE HOME OFFICE to to work normally in the ted the security forces from Mr. Airey Neave, shadowing an extensive with PEOPLE

reporting a good attendance. At the same time, he agreed that the jetimidation and picket

are talking ebout the bully-boys, and to hold prisoners without and arrest them." the leaders of the strike and the granting bail, he added. For the tove para-militaries, I can give that Lord Hallshow said he was timed in

rising tempers, said he had received a letter from the editor of Hansard saying he had been in error in correcting the phrase. Mr. Norman Tebbit (C. Ching-

Mr. Davies had said that he, the Prime Minister, had altered Hansard. Neither he nor anyone else, had gone to Hansard on his behalf, as Mr. Davies would have known if he had been in

Mr. Davies, in a background of

Hansard

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Calizghan's honour or poston." The Prime Minister confessed

that be did not remember whether he had used the word "alwaya"-which the row was

all abont-or not.

were to apologise."

proving the commitment of the Concennon said that everybody baving constitutions, and overwhelming majority of people in the House, har one, supported extending the present relation in Northern Ireland to constitut the line taken on the strike by junior alterdance contraction in almost the rule Mr. Roy Masun, Northern Ireland He puinted out the ine taken on the strike by junior alterdance contraction in the strike by index and the strike by junior alterdance contraction in the strike by index and the strike by junior alterdance contraction in the strike by index and the strike by the strike

At the same time, he agreed in Northern Ireland to constitu-that the jetimidation and picket tional action to maintain the role Mr. Roy Masun, Northern Ireland ing by the Protestant para of law. "It is the determination Secretary. militaries seemed to bave been of my honourable friends and He also referred to a report of community service and stepped up rather aggressively. myself to see that they are not that Mr. Paisley, who represents was developing rapidly. This had been demonstrated by disappointed in putting their con-Mr. Harold McCusker, Ulster Unionist MP for Armagh, had been beaten up outside the court that the Ulster power workers, Palsley bad now firmly com-bonse at Armagh. Mr. Concannon received full support from all sides of the out on strike. Mr. Concannon strike himself, having aaid he the law of facilities for dower station, were coming House for the firm line which told him that when he had left would not by drawing his Par-ing the fore that we had been bed left would not by drawing his Par-ing these thage of their the told him that when he had left would not by drawing his Par-ing "these thage" of their the told him that when he had left would not by drawing his Par-ing "these thage" of their the told him that when he had left would not by drawing his Par-ing "these thage" of their the tory of their there there there there there tory of their there there tory of their there there there tory of their there there tor

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"after the untrath you told about discussion with searcers of the former Tory Lord Chancellor, mask, surely it is self-evident the added: "These are the me yesterday." Mr. Callaghan added: "It long as the strike continued. The police should be given the in the exercise of their duty, part you would expect from a you are talking ebout the hully-boys, and to hold pricement without and arrest them." situation and it may be that the

views we have got on this an wrong, because we just do no

service-remedies to whi magistrales, should have the attention drawn, Mr. White

Montrose has not sought Shoplifting shows U.K. entry, peers told steep rise

lo attend the gathering of the to attend the Lords. He was also that prosentious, that was tot in 1971. clans in Scotiand. subject to the Southern Rhodesia the Attorney General. 1971. He added that a Foreign Office-Immigration Act Order. 1972. Lord Peart said be had seen She had been asked about the spokesman, quoted in a Press under which a person who would the newspaper article referred lifting and particularly the had article as saying that the Duke otherwise he entitled to enter office spokesman has not been supermarkets by Mr. Rake

including those in the House of declared. doing w. Lord Duncan Sandys (C.) urged offenders.

Minister say that the Govern-ment had always given humani-tarian and other aid to liberation movements, but the Hansard re-port bad left out "always." Yesterday, while answering a Mr. Phillp Goodhart (C, Bromley intimidation gaugs in Northern robust in their attitude. "If question by Mrs. Thatcher, the and Beckenhamt for an assur. Ireland should be made an indict- someone is engaged in unprese-Prime Minister suddenly told Mr. ance that there would be no able offence. Lord Hallsham ful picketing and is wearing a Davies that he should keep quiet "after the untrath you told about

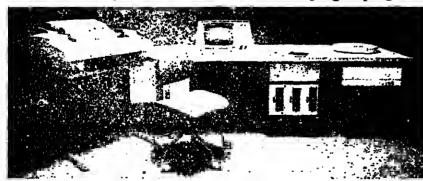
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would be prosecuted, had been entry. incorrectly reported.

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the matter as a possible hreach Rhodesia and to have furthered "There is the possibility that of privilege. Or encouraged any unconstitu-Lord Peart explained yesterday tional action there. to institute a prosecution and that the Duke had "leave of ab-sence from this House—a circum- no time applied to the eppro- ping such an attempt being stance which suggests that he has priate hody to have his name made."

Written Answers

INDUSTRY

Mr. John Lee (Lab., Handstheir merits. worth). What criteria the Chanceller applies to the exof Trade inspectors on Lonrbo is not relevant to the decision to exempt the company under the dividend control provisions. emptinn of so-called multinational companies from U.K. dividend restraint? Will be reconsider the lifting of the dividend restraint from Lon-Mr. Neville Trotter (Con., Tynemonth). Has the Secretary of State met representatives rho in the light of the recent history of that group and, in particular, in the light of the findings of the Heyman Slim-mings Report in 1976, especi-ally with regard to directors'

erpenses? Mr. Denzil Davies, Minister of State. Companies which, though, incorporated in the U.K., bave their operations almost exclu-sively overseas are put in parti-cular difficulties by the dividend control in their reletionships ested parties ebout the future of the power plant industry as

with overseas Governments and local shareholders since the dividend control, which is pri-marily part of counter-inflation policy in the U.K., has little relevance in their circumstances. necessary. Mr. Russell Kerr (Lah. Felt-

with overseas Governments and necessary. Mr. Krassell Kerr (Lah. Felt. ham and Hestan): Has the servetary of State paid any policy in the U.K. has little trelevance in their circumstances. The criteria for exemption are set out in the Treasury amounce-for Industry: I have, with the retary. It is estimated that just ments of October 20, 1975 and abroad for taxation and exchange control purposes will be ex-set out in the researce and exchange control purposes will be ex-set out in the researce of their parents of the vesting com-abroad for taxation and exchange control purposes will be ex-set out in the researce and exchange control purposes will be ex-set out to reave provide the parents of the vesting com-assets aituated necessary and panies. The public dividend capital as been provided out school leavers. However, the set out to reave of their parents of the vesting com-assets aituated necessary and panies. The public dividend capital has been provided out school leavers. However, the set of the amouncement estimate in due course. In the dividend capital has been provided out school leavers. However, the ally be regarded as meeting the the House for a Snpplementary of October 20, 1975. Howevar ell meantime any further advances

Cabinet 'open to Press' rejected

THE PRIME MINISTER yester- times when issues needed to be THE FRIEN MINISTER yester times when issues hereded to be day rejected the idea that the talked about quietly in private. Press might be admitted to If the Press were admitted. Cabinet meetings. He stressed there was a danger of creating in the Commons that be was in "small conclaves in smoke-filled favour of at much open govern rooms where the Press were not ment as possible but there were present."

Open coaches for Jubilee ride

THE QUEEN and other mem Prince Edward. Princess Anne bers of the Royal Family will end Princess Margaret will re-return to Buckingham Palace in turn in open carriages.

open carriages on Jubilee Day— The Queen and Duke nf June 7—after a service in St. Edinburgh will travel to St. Panl's Cathedral and lunch et Paul's in the morning in the theGulidhall. closed State coach, and other Details of the roule and the members of the Royel Family procession Bublished vesterday also will be in closed erminary

procession published yesterday also will be in closed carriages. show that the Queen, the Duke After the thanksgiving service of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother, the Queen and Duke will walk Prince Charles, Prince Andrew, along Cheapside to Guildhall.

correctly reported. A decision Adley (C. Christchurch and Ly to institute criminal proceedings, whether for treason or any other Degton). Mr. Adley asked if the Go

offence, is for the prosecuting authoritics and not the Government was satisfied that it trading methods did not enor ment

age shoplifting and to wh Ministers attributed the similation increase in the similation of food supermarkets with t number of shoplifting pro tions.

Dr. Summerskill sald: "Figu for offences is different types shop are not available, and cannot therefore any how far, at all, the increase in the nombo of food supermarking contribute to this increase." She pointed out that trad

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applications are considered on of public dividend capital will methods edopted by compari-was strictly a matter for the i tailer although a walking pur was studying the question of pi-vention rather then detection their merits also be provided out of the The report of the Department Contingencies Fund.

EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Michael Latham (Cnn. these cases. She pointed out that althout it hed mede no recommendation Melton): What is the current level of uncurployment in the construction industry? What percentage increase that figure represents over the equivalent figure for March 1, to the Government for action had passed a number to a retailers and the Home Office encouraging the retailers adopt them. 1974 ?

of State mer representatives nf the management and work force at C. and A. Parsons since the firm annunced e pro-gramme of 1,600 redundancies due to the lack of an order for Mr. John Grant, Under-Sec-Mr. John Grant, Under-Sec-retary. At February 10, the latest date for which an indus-trial analysis is available, 227,443 people who last worked in the construction industry were registered as unemployed in Great Britain. This figure represents an increase of 101.2 per cent since March, 1974. Mr. Adley said it was unse factory for the Home Office insist that this was a matter the stores if it was known i Drax B power stations? Mr. Bob Cryer, Under-Secre-tary: No; but Ministers intend to continue to consult all Inter-

the argued that the tra methods adopted by sup markets were directly reso ible for the increase in sup merket shoplifting. Mr. Frank Hooley (Lab. Heeley): What special plans are being made in absorb the

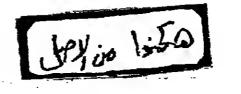
COMPAGNIE FRANCAISE DE L'AFRIQUE OCCIDENTALE

At a Meeting held on the 20th April 1977, the Barrist examined the accounts for the financial year, shift is December 1976.

The net profit after deduction of all depreciation provisions and taxation emounts to Fra.33,050,351.62 result shows an increase of 11.03% on the previous The Board also examined the consolidated accord the Group which show a net profit of Frs.152.5 million a turnover of Frs.6,202 million.

The Ordinary General Meeting of shareheiden in epprove the accounts for the year 1976 Bar convened for the 22nd June next at 10.30 a.m., in # In conformity with French Government recom the Board will propose a dividend of Frs.14.10 per plus a tax credit of Frs.7.05; giving a total of Frades share.

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A profit-maker this week baulked at the future

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VE arrived at a post without ever having needed the tro we can't win and we support of the Bank of England's a." Thus, Mr. Howard "Hiebost." for alling secondary chairman of G. R. Dawes banks; continue to trade profits, described the position ably.

Birmingham-based bank-It is tempting to concludend industrial group just in the light of price controls, months ago. when he high inflation and other factors ed its performance in the which have made it difficult for 5 financial year. companies to achieve what they n Mr. Dawes may not then consider adequate returns realised how prophetic that there are a great many companies in a similar situaemark would prove to be. week, he announced

to wind up the company make a capital payment in the past in complaining d oo assets. he unusual aspect of this about constraints and the genosal is that it covinges a eral economic situation, reholders' voluntary liquida-

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in h, and not, as has so often four years, a compulsory juidation made necessary by scompany's inservency. Dawes non or ractors, including the subsequently rested largely in to allow the subsidiary com- have changed to the extent that finance could be sought by each indeed it anticipates a minimum of the main Board as to how drop forging and beat treatment, each with its own managing, the group can continue under risk, it is felt. Any of 125p a share, the group should be run, and plastic moulded products and a sales and financial directors and its present structure. South its industrial side, the presence of a substantial discount store of the main board as to how drop forging and beat treatment, each with its own managing, the group can continue under risk, it is felt. Presumably, Dawes also has departmental discount store of the main board as to how drop forging and beat treatment and a sales and financial directors and its present structure. Presumably, Dawes also has the presence of a substantial discount store of the main board as to how drop forging and beat treatment at the presence of a substantial discount store of the main board as to how drop forging and beat treatment at the presence of a substantial discount store of the presence of the of the pres Bnth interests range from family stake in the business, wbere forging to drop lorging to plastic which makes it unlikely that the the company got its share list own strategies, with the main which dave records in almost but this would seem to run con-mouldings, and the hanking company's step will open up the ing suspended in mid-1973. It Board's principal involvement continuous growth in recent side, where the G. R. Dawes and finodgates to a rush if share was unfirtunate that the secon being in discussing budgets and years—will each require fin-balance of interests. The only problems in group facing considerable company, but others common to secondary banking deback in an The Dawes group assumed just a few months later, because the subsidiaries equipment in the near future. Answer the Board sees is to find extremely signid position, and its present balance of activities the uncertainty it created in the always stand on their own feet, The options, he says, are un- for each company a boyer large and unwilling to change it, but alter its philosophy and go on.



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By Nicholas Leslie

tion to that facing Dawes in mid-1973. Then known as the banking market, not only the holding company always has attractive. The holding company Certainly, enough of them Neville Group, it sold a sub-affected husiness, but made the the option of selling them. This, —which historically has always have been equally vociferous sidiary called Country Kitchen company loath to seek a re-Howard Dawes believes, places provided the necessary funds Foods for 14m. as part of a quotation for its shares until the right type of pressure on for capital investment-could

by case there is a special combina-interests. The industrial side the main Board's philosophy is ness of this policy, conditions natively, separate outside was then of factors, including the subsequently rested largely in to allow the subsidiary com- have changed to the extent that finance could be sought by each interesting the philosophy and an another in the allow the subsidiary com- have changed to the extent that finance could be sought by each interesting the philosophy and an another interests.

In me past in complaining roods for 54m, as part of a quotation for its shares until the right type of pressure on for capital investment—could about constraints and the gen reorganisation aimed at increas. October, 1975. Assets of the subsidiary management in that, probably afford to finance maly ing the emphasis m banking (a holding company are now by running their companies effi- nor subsidiary, a move which further £2.5m, nf capital was divided rongby 50:50 between ciently "they know we will want would unbalance the investment pumped into this side nf the banking and industrial, but it is to keep them, although they in industrial activities. Even business) while at the same time the latter which provides the know they can still be sold." then, the returns would prob-

Presumably, Dawes also has sold his shares.



enough to support the type of with a market share price of 95p -prior to the liquidation aninvestment needed.

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The situation for the hanking nouocement - much somewhat than the value that would result subsidiary is from selling the trading comdifferent. A necessarily cautious from selling the trading com-approach to husiness in the past It is at this point that the It is at this point that the four years means it is now a Dawes family involvement "cash hox," with a high ratio takes on a particular signifi-of deposits to loans and most cance. The Dawes' holding assets being in easily realisable accounts for a large part of the form. Since it is unlikely to be 45.86 per cent. shareholding in given authorised status by the the hands of all main Board Bank of England it cannot com- directors. Their position, pete effectively with other according to Howard Dawes, banks in deposit/hans business, now conflicts with that of the and to invest mnre funds in main hody of shareholders other areas like property or because of the tax position. land would be upattractive to While most shareholders would shareholders. This is because benefit from iccreased diviany profitable sale of such pro- dends if they could he paid. perty or land would give the the Dawes family would merely company an internal capital have a lax problem. gains tax liability, while any It is easy to see, therefore

on-going henefit in the form of that the Dawes family would improved share price would be among those to henefit most subject the shareholder to a by merely having to pay capital further gains tax liability if he gaios tax as a result of a liquidation.

Clearly, the proposed Dawcs liquidatioo is the result of niany factors, some of them

the U.K. construction sector has order to win the really large been stumbling, because it saw contracts now available in many what was coming and prepared of the developing countries, even its own impressive re-Itself in time.

Family tax

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Joint venture

In October 1973, the group sources are not sufficient to cope chose a period of consolidation, and it has teamed up with other as the annual reports would put to entractors-notably Costainit, and turned down no less than £40m, worth of development projects in coder to carry out major programmes overseas. In joint vectures the projects in order to contain two groups are now carrying out work valued at over £280m, in

Duhai. At the same time, some niher Sir Frank, who still travels construction groups were twice round the world cach already higbly geared and year "In keep in touch." befacing severe cash flow problieves that joint venture work is lems but Sir Frank and his here to stay and that the British colleagues had serious doubts have been drassing their feet. about the outlook for develop-Taylor Woodrow is particument work and decided to coo- larly proud of its own success tain operations in order to in the United States, a notori-remain "nicely liquid." ously difficult market for foreign contractors 10 peoetrate because

of the breadth of experience which the Americans have built up for themselves.

Taylor Woodrow, like maoy As well as identifying and of the large civil eogineering winning work in expanding marcontractors, bad in any case kets, the group is also comprotected its interests hy spread- mitted to research and developing its large workload not just ment work on new technologies, over a wide job area but also in such as the harnessing of sea and wind power, ouclear power

For the next twn years at and nfishnre oil exploration, so future is sown up. The inter-

the successful zecipe for his and claims that the many do not bother to say when they should. To lospin rearly April. Taylor Wood. present management style as be when they should. To lospin rearly film for the film the dats not believe it is allegiance you have to en-mearly film for the dats not believe it is allegiance you have to en-mearly scale a meet believe in it. Is due. Then, when things wards learnt that its interna- a distinctly political flavnur Queen's Award, for Export ant-socialist articles and them." Too niog of a company's affairs and ont leaflets and called a meet-be call- for worker directors? Taylor Wood. Dresent management style as be when they should. To lospin gell but two of the group's 140 but two the grou Queen's Award for Export anti-socialist articles and them." the profits is divided between the truth. We believe in involv- to turn in ensistently higher America. the management executive, to be Avard for the second "cautionary tales" in his Sir Frank acknowledges that our employees, so they have a lng everybody and in generat- profits, in spite of the recent Like some of its competitors, handed out to anyone showing time. - group's house magazine. Busi- his theories are easy to expound share in our success to show ing personal enthusian. Indi- unhappy times through which the group has realised that in signs of a sore throat or sniffle.

"TO-DAY, THE British in-The controversial architect of dustrialist has to spend too much time trying to keep his business from falling into the hands of those who would steal. it. We are faced with a situation which appals people overseas, but which seems to be getting worse." . Sir Frank Taylor's views nn

growing state intervention in industry and commerce are blunt and highly controversial and have been formed during the 55 years it has taken bim to huild Taylor Woodrow from a small Blackpool contracting company into one of the giants of the international civil engineering and construction world, with a turnover now well over £400m. a year.

His views as a champion of free enterprise and critic of what he calls the "something for nothing brigade " have kept him in the public eye for many years and his opinions have

helped establish him as a close friend of senior Conservative At 72. Sir Frank retains the ness and politics, be says, used but perhaps more difficult for for their efforts. Oor incentive vidual effort is absolutely esseopoliticians as well as a force managing directorship of the to be kept apart but this was on the outsider to observe in schemes provide them with a tial. to cootend with in the rough group and his grap seems firm. longer possible and the oppo- action. To confound the cynics, positive stimulus to think about It is hardly surprising to find and tough husiness of building. To those who accuse bim at onger possible and the oppo-Few could deny that Sir Tunning a paternalistic enter-matched at their own game, of how hus boardroom theories gest areas for improvement." spread of nationalisation as a provement in demand at home the times in terms of engineer-Frank's strategy, bised on what prise in which "star prizes" matched at their own game. Frank's strategy, bised on what prise in which "star prizes" matched at their own game. The thinks may, in some circles, are awarded for good ideas, cm. People, Sir Frank empba-the thinks may, in some circles, are awarded for good ideas, cm. People, Sir Frank empba-the regarded as the "old for ployees are picked out for free sizes, may not show up in the employee is all-important, why trades union to establish a foot-the regarded as the "old for ployees are picked out for free sizes, has not show up in the employee is all-important, the biggest I Frank's strategy, hased on what prise in which "star prizes" shoned "principles of integrity, seaside holidays and everyone balance sheet but they are any is he prepared to resist the bold in the company was firmly the role of direct labour depart. over comes from abroad, its past successes should lead shoned "principles of integrity seaside polidays and everyone managements treat along the prepared to rest the only in the company was nimity the role of direct labour departs over comes from abroad, its past successes should lead strength of character ond is addressed as # team ment. company's most valuable asset, current clamour for greater em- rejected by the employees. "The ments in our industry, for although the figures could easily anyone to imagine that the loyably, has provided him with ber," he points to the record "Tou many managements treat ployee participation in the run- union representatives handed example, chooses to ignore com- have been reversed had the U.K. loyally, has provided him with her, he points to the record employees as minions. Too prove participanty a finite rand union representatives handed example, chooses to ignore com- have been reversed had the successful people for his and claims that his employees as minions. Too nigg of a company's affairs and out leaflets and called a meet pletely their record of inefficient market been brighter.

Taylor Woodrow's long success, 72-year-old Sir Frank Taylor, talks to Michael Cassell.



a geographical sense.

epartmental discount store. often a technical director. This As Howard Dawes explains, the optimn to sell one subsidiary Because of the reorganisation, leaves them free to plan their the industrial subsidiaries— to raise funds for the others, plastic which makes it unlikely that the the company got its share list- own strategies, with the main which bave records of almost but this would seem to run con-

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ments were sufficiently satisfied meeting some of the other way of symbolising to their important policy issues. electorates at home, who may have been disturbed at the being taken seriously.

Problems

commercial banks and by the major capital markets, not by Agreement



The most contentious issue at ternational economic co-opera-

durability of inflation and the summit, and the one which tion, as it had developed since recession, that these were inter- offers the greatest danger of a World War II, was inadequate national problems and were Serious dispute, arises from Mr. to deal with new problems. It

In retrospect, it is difficult nuclear proliferation. His Inten- the Finance Ministry.



The six overseas Beads of Government invited to the Downing Street talks: President Carter, Chancellor Schmidt, Mr. Fukada, President Giscard d'Estaing, Mr. Trudcan and Sig.

A meeting with much at stake

nil. No government was con-world: even if they have not kind. It is also by far the most here in that the four powers are fellow finance ministers came volutionary that they should be another occasion. tionary and deflationary reper-cussions of what amounted to a sudden and substantial tax imposed by the oil exporting. There is a more general con-sideration. that co-operation, were facing, mutatis mulandis, sensible for the leading govern at this week-end, for the countries can only be facilitated by the gain a cover for subjects sessions are attended by Heads the probability of a sover for subjects sessions are attended by Heads the probability of a sover for subjects sessions are attended by Heads the probability of a sover for subjects sessions are attended by Heads the probability of a sover for subjects sessions are attended by Heads the probability of a sover for subjects sessions are attended by Heads the probability of a sover for subjects sessions are attended by Heads the probability of a sover for subjects sessions are attended by Heads the probability of a sover for subjects sessions are attended by Heads the probability of a sover for subjects sessions are attended by Heads the probability of a sover for subjects sessions are attended by Heads the probability of a sover for subjects sessions are attended by Heads the probability of a sover for subjects sessions are attended by Heads the probability of a sover for subjects can only be facilitating the produce dramatic short-term this week-end, heaves of the ong way to determining the this week-end, heaves of the ong way to determining the set or of government. The participation govern at the U.S. Not merely will be be area and the beats of outlear the U.S. Not merely will be be area and the the way nuclear porticipation gover the the U.S. Not merely will be be attend the U.S. Not merely will be area. The tills week-end, heaves of the other and the use attended by the area the U.S. Not merely will be be attend the U.S. Not

The origins of the meeting go situation in and around Berlin discarded, and some of them with that first meeting, to hold government leaders for tha first another, last year, in Puerto time, but he comes with a well-Rico; at the very least they may established reputation as a man have felt that the staging of a with pronounced and forth-second summit was an effective right views on a range of the machinery of international Germans, at least, are likely to sultations on matters economic the machinery of international Germans, at least, are likely to sultations on matters economic co-operation, and especially in. insist.

Too serious a matter

fident of its ability to predict, disposed of the underlying trade important. Not only is it the due to meet again at summit to nothing — not surprisingly, put. A few years agn, when the let alone deal with, the infla- tension between Japan and the first opportunity for some of level in London next Monday tionary and deflationary reper- other industrialised countries. cussions of what amounted to —

are already taken for granted in the security field, mainly through NATO.

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be seven nation summit about economics and the possi- but he accepted the Callaghan lective security and the preser- agend, and also the question of rights in countries outside his

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France are possibilities that it is discussed at Helsinki hitterness in North-South relations, and not least, of a further on the basis of official growth that. Nor about the way nuclear power in the standy go along with that. Nor about the way nuclear power in the basis of official growth that. Nor about the way nuclear power in the basis of official growth that. Nor about the way nuclear power in the basis of official growth that. Nor about the way nuclear power in the basis of official growth that. Nor about the way nuclear power in the basis of official growth that. Nor about the way nuclear power in the basis of official growth are still developing. The theory bebind an economic summit is almost all their attention. Certainly that is what the West Germans, at least, are likely to insist.

The most that can be haped and on which it may be deper for by the weaker participants dent to sustain caergy supplier in this area, is an assurance It is probably the one and only power industries, for the sake the West German Chancellor-Helsinki 1975. The idea was participating countries in wider nuclear proliferation. His inten-tions are no doubt the Finance Ministry. canvassed there by Mr. James participating countries in wider power in favour of the Soviet sidered. There is the consola- with the U.S. Japan, virtual callaghan-then the British economic groupings, such as the Union.

In retrospect, it is dimentification in promotion in product and the product indication in promotion in promo North-South dialogue. Sought to deal with those prob- Japan, are allowing their ex- week-end are aware of the Secondly, those present at the lems. They have tried to look change rates to reason for the bound the states of the summit the second of the states of of the sta

ditional balance of payments surplus, to a low inflation rate, and to a respectable growth rate: Britain, at the other extreme, has not. This is not to surgest for a



This is not to suggest for a of Germany and the U.S. Meeting in the then the O.S. Settering in the deal and the optimistic assessment in the optimistic assessmen

Profit targets in the Post Office

THE VIEW that large profits on the nationalised industries are something to be ashamed pointed out, P.O. Telecommuniof especially in the natioo- cations is effectively able to Desirable alised industries, has been rein- price on a cost-plus basis, the forced this week. The Price "plus" being the current finan-Commission has raled that cial objective. If it is required Post Office Telecommunications by the Government to finance a

excused puzzled: having been attacked the necessary funds for invest-in the past for making losses, ment will in itself he taken as they are now turned on for a justification for that investmaking profits. No doubt the ment.

Price Commission is glad of What the customer (and the the opportunity to he as tough Government) wants to be sure with stale-owned corporations of Is that the nationalised indusas it is with the private sector. tries are using their assets effi-while, from the Government's ciently, pursuing every possible point of view, the telephone avenue for cost reduction and rebate will do something to investing on a scale which is offset the unpopularity caused tailored to the needs of the But the real issue remains un- tions of the management. For

Commercial the NEDO report put it. The cost of equipping Down. At the end of last year the "sbould be carefully designed ing Street for the conference is Government Set a new target to higblight those critical put at £43,000. Anyone The Hall was a hive of media Airliners on the 14-hour flight missed it belofully as "a local descendant George who the united states. The talearment intermediate of media a fuller part of the talearment intermediate of media a fuller part of the talearment intermediate of media a fuller part of the talearment intermediate of media a fuller part of the states of media a fuller part of the engine, too. Asked whether the engine, too. Asked whether being the intermediate measures of part of the talearment intermediate measures of part of talearment intermediate measures of part of talearment intermediate measu At the end of last year the "sbould be carefully designed Government set a new target to higblight those critical for the telecommunications measures of performance which business—a 6 per cent. real rate are often well recognised by of return on assets in the three competent management even if sense, to start producing some Washington and were later to conserve fuel. Trouble is, up among passengers' comor return on assets in the infer comparison intermediate the infer a long period of uncer- larly shareholders or Govern-source after a long period of uncer- larly shareholders or Govern-source of the place, coming from under their macs well, developing coughs, sbort-This was a vertex will always been that some of the tries are unclear and the public industries, includ has little idea how well or badly ing telecommunications, are not they are doing. A comprehensult will be based on an industries, includ has little idea how well or badly ing telecommunications, are not they are doing. A comprehensult will be based industries, includ has little idea how well or badly ing telecommunications, are not they are doing. A comprehensult will be based industries in the difficult y has a couired by one George tenants of the price and wull be based on an index of the public. The argument is that the Prime Minister's is the the whole technicolour scene through the Earth's oxone layer with deflation as well as inflating the a short speech and the public is how well or badly ing telecommunications, are not they are doing. A comprehensult and used industries, includ has little idea how well or badly ing telecommunications, are not they are doing. A comprehensult was acquired by one George tenants of the first early of the grateful oxygen down to disc prime was acquired by one George tenants of the first early of the prime was acquired by one George tenants of the first early of the prime of the streamed tays a course will count as one hour." pressures. As last year's NEDO report fusion.

European Security Conference Treasury, who, it was indged, therefore, does nne strike a intention of doing so.

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the industry can be port pointed out, there is a of the state uning from the houses of Downing Successful of the necessary funds for invest- economic summit conference eventually rusbed up between be made Freeman of the City of Newcastle.

day. There should also be pictures use in 1732. of some of the brightest names

in Britain's history (Nelson, Wellington, Fox and Pitt) peer. Hall of fame ing down from the walls, plus an Adam sideboard and chairs The only real action yesterday rich Americans can channel which are copies of an original in Washington New Town. Co. some of their funds through set designed by Adam and built Durham, where President the Royal Oak to help prop np set designed by Adam and built Durham, where President the Royal Oak to help prop np possibly by Chippendale. But Jimmy Carter is dropping in as our own national monuments. a couple of the pictures and the part of his North East visit particularly those like Washingby the recent gas price increase, market rather than the aspira-Rut the real issue remains un- tions of the management. For resolved—bow to set pricing this purpose profit targets, policies for the nationalised in though useful, are not enough dustries which will produce the They must be supplemented by best possible results in terms performance targets, covering nf service to the customer and such matters as output per efficient use of resources. best possible results in terms performance targets, covering nf service to the customer and such matters as output per efficient use of resources. utilisation. These indicators, as nf service to the customer and such matters as output per be shifted away once the posthumous fame thanks to a distant descendant George who The cost of equipping Down-ended np as the first President Fuel saving,

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Genaral, the guide interpreting basis that anybody who had that as "Chief of Intelligence." that much money to waste, If you have to spend the week. But the deals to develop what deserved to lose it. exceeded its permissible profit certain proportion of its invest-ceilings in the year in March, ment expenditure from intern-consolation to do so in a room Street were an example of a dency is that one is offered free 1977, and must therefore re- ally generated funds, the in- designed by Sir John Soane with piece of 17th-century property life membership of virtually 1977, and must therefore re-ally generated funds, the in-turn £100m, to its customers by dustry can raise prices high a lofty vaulted ceiling. These speculation which had its nos everything. This trip is no way of rebate. The manage enough to achieve it As the re-ment of the industry can be port pointed out, there is a of the state dining room at 10 from Commonwealth. The 15 civic centre, opened by King

liamentary credentials hy being Rumour bas it that the Earl

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He will also be made a life member of the Royal Oak Foundation at Washington Hall. This is the U.S. version of the National Trust, set up so that

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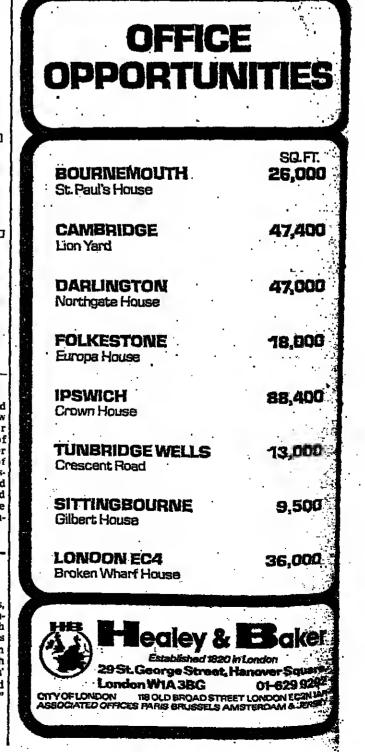
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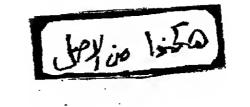
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BY DAVID WATT

Devolution calculations in Scotland

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CLE has bad to be Government's activities on the either cement the Lib-Lab pact fore the results of the devolution 'sroht. (the only for a further period because if fons in England and other major factor which would will offer the Liberals the prosander in the Scottish has paid off id some extent or alternatively, if the cards in earlier in the week. Whether Labour, would have are played right, it will force in earlier in the week, whether Labour, would have are played right, it will force it pattern of them was stemmed the tide still more if the SNP to resume overall sup-reported large the Devolution Bill were still port for the Government in Nationalist gains making progress through the Parliament lest the party la it the expanse of House of Commons is accused in Scotland of scup-ind a modest Conser- naturally impossible to say, but pering the last real chance of and a modest conset there will be some presump an Assembly before the om a position of very tion from these results that Thatcherian night falls.

But in spite of the thipgs would have been worse This points to the desirability difficulty dof for the Government if the Bill of putting together a new, s difficulty of for the Government II the Bill of putting together a new, sing from local tessits had never been introduced. brighter and more radical devo-enough bere to prompts. The objection to this line of lution package as quickly as speculations of very argument is that devolution as possible; and this week's elec-il and far-reaching such never figured in the local tion results will certainly not

and rar-reaching site level agains. This is have diminished that ministerial surprise, of course, has true but not in my opinion impulse. And yet there are two bat the swing away from conclusive. The image of the major snags, neither of which vernment was not larger. SNP is inseparable from the the Government can do much g every allowance for the issue and even though the about aat the SNP did not fight campaign was "about" the Tha nat the SNP did not nent campage was overall record SNP may not play ball. It might ir loss of 100 seats in the tin so far as it was not about well refuse- to preserve the e of Scotland is consider purely local issues). it is bard Government from defeat, how-less than would have been to believe that it did not have ever forthcoming on devolution cted on the basis of the some influence on the result. the Cabinet decides to be. For cted on the basis of the some influence on the testil. standing, in the The question, if this premise the fact is that the party is as a whole (as recorded in is accepted, is whether the re-opinion polls) of on the suits will affect the calculations how to proceed. Mr. William is of the Ashfeld and Wal. of the various parties, as they Woolfe, the chairman, and Mrs. grounds by the other wing of aubsequent opportunities for with the Government which are calculations last time. It is clear at risk. The strength, pros-locept of "swing" means any. Devolution Bill. As things Margo MacDonald, the senior the party. The harddiners, of profitable political activity will most likely to get them head-ing in local government stand, the Government is wice-chairman, and whom Mr. Donglas Hendersch, be all the greater. ctions.

local government stand, the Government is moderation. Let us, they say, the MP for East Aberdeenshire. The struggle between these The other possible flaw in the presumably those of the 29 existence of their countries is

ing to the Conservatives at Parliament; but what will be in to realise through the frustra- bring down the Government challenged for ber vice-chair to have any chance at all with their price would be a reduction connected with the ceal world insidering that the state of / The Cabinet, in so far as it tions of the majority of opinion does Assembly is irrelevant. Constant, opposite persuasion. But even Michael Foot will have to Westminster—a coodition which politicians can manage events, in that of the U.K. as a it has not, it steams, discussed not) the logic of complete agitation, aggressive propaganda if she wins, she and Mr. Woolfe swallow two mildly unpleasant the Cabinet, with its traditional The levers of power still set the ole, and also that the Labour, the subject formally since the independence. gian gloom and lethargy, lapsed) continues to mink in entait keeping ar. Catagon in work are woat oring in sup- it is oard for them, at a until some indefinite date, the whole atmosphere in the Conser- keep himself and a U.K. on the s is not such a bad result. It purely party terms. Ministers office for as long as there was porters and commit them per- distance, to restrain the pre- other is the introduction of a vative Party bas changed so rails. The summit meeting is all gests in the first place that believe that bringing the Bill any real prospect of his produc- manently to the SNP. A general dominant tendency of the guillotine motion at the very much since February that it is very well; but international jour has still some reserves in again will shore up the Gor- ing an Assembly; but unforth- election is far the best thing party's MPs which is naturally start of the proceedings. But not at all certain that the votes statesmanship is based, ulti-traditional loyalty to call ernment's parliamentary posi- nately it is a policy which is for the party; and if Mrs. for adopting the tactics of having accepted this (as be is are to be bought on any terms. mately, upon the black arts of in and secondly that the tion in one of two ways. It will challenged on - fundamental Thatcher wins, well, then, the harassment and confrontation said to bave done in private) be The Party pressure on the Tary domestic political management.

still faces the problem of how rebels will be prodigious and the to get a guillotine motion past temptation to conform very the Opposition which defeated great. From a Party point m it by 39 votes in February. view the argument is virtually

It should be easy enough to unanswerable that to allow the persuade the 11 Liberals who Bill passage will prolong the voted against the guillotine on Lib-Lab pact and therefore the that occasion to change their life of the Government—and it would be a barry of the covernment. minda, though their terms are would be a brave Conservative also unpalatable to Mr. Foot who could defy it.

and the Civil Service-taxation All this convoluted factical powers for the Scottish calculation may seem parochial Assembly: judicial review in on the week-end of a major the case of a dispute over the internaliooal meeting. After division of powers between months of this Scottish crisis I London and Edinburgh; and still find it almost impossible to the entire rearrangement of the persuade American visitors, in-Bill so as to list exceptions to cluding those with the most devolution rather than trying to sophisticated view of British list all the devolved powers. politics, to face the fact that the Armed with this kind of Blll Mr. future of the U.K., or Britain. Steel could claim at least some as they know it, bangs on such advantages from bia illicit a fine thread. Perhaps the liaison with the Government. Queen's speech in Weslminster Yet this would still not he Hall on Wednesday will con-

enough to win the crucial divi. Pioce them.

sion - particularly since the Both these views seem to me emendationa required to meet deeply mistaken. Four out of Liberal terms are precisely President Carter's six interthose which will most enrage locutors are in the direct poli-the rebel English Labour MPs tical difficulties at home, and if from the North and North-East they canont get out of them it ont some Conservative votes- Britain and Canada) the very

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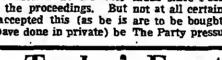
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ns' Residence, ncham General Hospital, acham, General Hospita, acham, Gir, Monchester. From Mr. D. Morris Sir,-If leadership by example means anything then for any policy for Stage III to be a success our leaders should apply it to themselves. No doubt the most suitable norm to live on

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future returns, revenne balances the fault is entirely ours. the fault is entirely ours. Sir, My appeal (April 28) to Many executives to-day are so the Prime Minister to do a Intimately acquainted with "Jimmy Carter" and tell us that modern business system that it he will make grants for insulais natural for them to assume tion to keep us in step with all that recruitment companies have our friends was answered by access to sophisticated computer Mr. J. J. Wisdom (April 30) who memories which print out long feels it is I who am out of step lists of candidates at the press of hecause I did not call for the

As paid for our of taxes, and tocrefore be worse off. How-reverybody will be happy pusc the burden of taxation From Mr. J. Coote. been reduced. uman heings do not always April 30 of the inexorable cir-ave rationally. They often cumstances which have brought their beliefs; and retiona Beaverbrook Newspapers to its in irrational considerations, present plight does less than i as the things they read in justice to many loyal managers in the many loyal managers down employees! intervention of the inexorable cir-they many heings they read in justice to many loyal managers down employees! intervention of the inexorable cir-they many heings they read in justice to many loyal managers down employees! intervention of the inexorable cir-they many heings they read in justice to many loyal managers down employees! intervention of the inexorable cir-they many heings they read in justice to many loyal managers down employees! intervention of the inexorable cir-they many heings they read in justice to many loyal managers down employees! intervention of the inexorable cir-they many heings they read in justice to many loyal managers down employees!

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Unwanted but unfortunately this does not overcome the damage that can be done if too many qualified people are given the impression, which I believe to be misleading. cash

From Mr. K. Leverton. Sir,-1 followed, with great interest, Mr. Carter's investment

that no open market exists for economically valuable skills. policy articles earlier to the year B. A. Lewis. 47. Woodlands Avenue. because I have used the same system, but with loss success over New Mulden, Surrey. a similar period of years. There is, however, one problem from which the small investor suffers. Speed and fuel I am thinking of the situation where a computy's shares are taken over for eash, which en-

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forces a capital gain together with tax thereon, when normally Sir.—I am seriously coocerned the small investor sells parcels, at the possible adverse effects of shares at under f1,000 to avoid of the emotive letters from Mr. tax. This siluation is particularly Gordon (April 27) and Major adnoying if it occurs at the end Sutton (April 30) attempting to of the financial year and attracts decry Joe Rogaly's article of capital gains tax oo a transaction April 22. Under f1,000 carried out volu-

April 22, I feel it might be helpful if tarily in the early part of the the questions of safety and fnel tax year; for example. I have saving were considered entirely recently had Maidenhead Invest-separately, since my own experi-ence of driving slowly in the tat-ter context is totally opposed to wished to hold these shares theless and tends to support Jne Rogaly and President Carter's values in the Burgess Kill views. Over the part 20 years or so SUPPly there should be a



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ast Kilbride five years before the Coronation was a community of 2400 people; an outlying village south of Glasgow set amid green fields at the end of a winding single track railway.

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engineers Whessoe should exceed last year's record £2.86mL, Lord Erroll of Hate, chairman, fore-Casis in his interim statement.

For the balf year to March 26. A. P. Cement 1977, taxable profit improved from £0.88m, to £1,25m, on sales up from £17,2m, to £19,94m.

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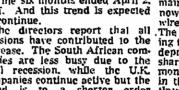
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The Financial Times Friday May 6 1977 Marginal fall by **James Neill**

ALTHOUGH turnover increased In accordance with long-stand-irom £25.67m. to £33.03m., profit ing group policy, fixed assets have before tax of James Neill Holdings, been revaiued to reflect replace-the Sheffield-based hand tools and ment value—the main reason for engineering group, fell margio- ao increase of £191.000 in depre-ally from £2.15m. to £2.08m. in clation. Mr. Neitl ados. At December 31 nct asset value prof. The provide the start value of \$2.57 (144.2n)

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At half-way, when profits were down from fL49m, to fL03m, in LHugh NeHl, chairman, said the outfook for the second half was that both sales and profits would increase. The full year's results would oot fall short of those for would oot fall short of those for increase. The full year's results would oot fall short of those for increase. The full year's results would oot fall short of those for increase. The full year's results would oot fall short of those for increase. The full year's results would oot fall short of those for increase. The full year's results would oot fall short of those for israding profits from overseas trading profits from overseas that belf were and higher interest charges. However, he adds that the directors are expecting the group's stantially higher sales in 1977 and so far expectations have been achieved. In consequence, the diffectors have planned for an increased level of production in infleant improvement in profit ability. Yearly earnings per 25p share are given at 5.9p (8.3p) but in view of the bright outlook the dividend is stepped up from 4.331p to 4.764p with a final payment of 2.764p-net. Hat an and and increases in the consequence in the electronic micrometer is the electronic micrometer is

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3. MARKETABILITY		1
4. RISK LIMITATION MECHANISMS		1
5. OPTIONS		1
6. F.T. INDEX 3 YEAR LOW	170	150
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Lord Thomson of Fleet-Chairman

The Chief Executive, Mr. G. C. Brunton, reports that trading profits in 1976 turned out to be a good deal better than predicted and, although all operating groups contributed to this, the outstanding performance was achieved by the travel companies.

"The breakdown of trading profits, before costs not allocated to operating companies, indicated that Travel contributed 40%, Newspapers 22%, Other Publishing, Communications and Information 36%, and other activities 2%.

In 1977 we are anticipating significant improvements in profits in most operating divisions. The main uncertainty relates to the Company's travel interests. The general level of bookings across the industry is currently showing a decline of 20%, and even though your Company has improved its market share in a declining market. its estimated volume of bookings will be down. While we hope for reasonable results, we expect a significant reduction in travel profits for 1977 and this will of course affect the overall group result.

We are planning to invest some £21m in capital expenditure during the year and deliberately budgeting for a substantial outflow of cash. These sums are within our facilities, but they will inevitably bring much higher interest charges which will of course reduce our earnings. These

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Group Res	sults		
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Turnover		284,541	236,205
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Profit after Tax		6,457	4.357.
Profit Retained		2,227	1.267
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Earnings per Sl	hare	.11.23p	7.85pv
Ordinary Divid	end-net	5.29p	4.81p
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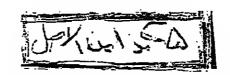
investments in the introduction of new technolun for newspapers and in new aeroplanes will bring. their benefits in the future and the expenditure is. justified by the expectation of very substantial cash flows in the years ahead.

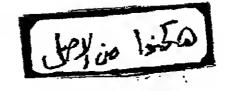
The Company continues to hold its option to acquire 90% of the oil interests held by Thomson Scottish Associates Limited. The prospects for oil are very much dependent upon the Piper and Claymore developments proceeding according to plan. So far all goes reasonably well, but it is always wise to recognise the very real risks that are inherent in off-shore oil development in the North . Sea. During the year both fields should be producin and Piper should achieve peak planned production In 1977 our oil interests will be making a very important contribution towards the country's balance of payments.

I can say with confidence that both our traditional businesses and our potential oil interests are likely soon to justify our optimism. Perhaps, too, we might be capable of further surprises. This Company has always been an exciting one, but never more so than at present."

The above extracts are taken from the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1976 which can be obtained from the Secretary.

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The Financial Times Friday May 6 1977 National & Commercial ahead to £31m. midway

J THE SIX months ended blarch 1977, profils, before tax, of auking Group rost from £28.8m. 231.1m. and commercial nare are shown to be up from Sp to 6.8p. The first half-profit inclodes convictions from associators

BOARD MEETINGS

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Porter Chadburn tops £1.1m.

A sharp cise in pre-tax profit from 50.69m, to a record fillsm is announced by Porter Chadburn is announced by Perter Chadburn for the 53 weeks ended Jan. 6. 1977. In November last year the directors forecast second-half results "somewhat greater" than the first half 2407.000 (1227.000). Earnings per share for the year are shown to be up from 10.51p, to 16.56p per 20p share-a second interim dividend of 3.419p lifts the total from 4.25p to 4.719p net, as forecast.

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Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance

EXTRACTS FROM THE STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN, J. E. H. COLLINS MBE DSC

Insurance is a risk-taking husiness and although 1976 was a difficult year it is satisfactory that we have not only made an increased profit hut have also made a larger profit on our hasic business of short term underwriting.

We are recommending a final dividend which, with the interim dividend, includes the maximum increase allowed by the Government.

Underwriting

Home

We were reminded early in 1976 of one of the factors that have made insurance planning so unpredictable in recent years - the natural hazards of weather, storm, flood and drought.

In January we suffered heavy storms in the United Kingdom, and during the summer we experienced a very severe drought. Both these resulted in the company and the industry receiving claims for storm damage and subsidence running into millions. Fortunately we saw some improvement in the fire account in the fourth quarter, and our fire operations showed a modest profir. It is pleasing that we were able to produce a small profit on our motor account but our accident bosiness also suffered from heavy claims from weather losses and, after making adequate provision for outstanding and future claims, this account shows a fairly substantial loss.

The control of expanses plays a major role, and whilst inevitably the total of expenditure increased, we were able to keep the percentage rate of the increase within the limits anticipated covered hy the volume of premiums we wrote. The management of our home operations are to be congratulated on making a profit after faciog all the problems of last year, and on their continuing efforts in the control of expenses.

Overseas

Whilst in the past few years the home account has made the largest contribution to our profits, in 1976 our overseas division

Balance Sheet During the year additions were made to all the major classes of investment although again greater emphasis was placed on fixed. interest stocks to secure the high yields available, particularly in

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the United Kingdom. At the same time we continued our policy of making contact with many of the companies where we already have substantial investments. We have found these contacts valuable and we are always ready to support commercial ventures that make equity

SUMMARY OF RESULTS		
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Premiums written – Fire, Accident, Motor and Marine	560.7	427.1
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Investment Income	58.5	49,2
Less Interest Payable	6.7	6.7
	51.8	42.5
Transfers to Profit and Loss Account		
Fire, Accident, Motor and Marina	3.8	2.1
Life	, 5.5	5.0
Profit before Taxation	61.1	49,6
Less Taxation	28.6	24.7
Profit for year after Taxation	32.5	24.9
Less Preference and Minority Interests	· 32.5	
		.6
Profit for year		
after taxation, available to Ordinary	504 4	
Shareholders	£31.1m	£24.3
Dividends to Ordinary Shereholders	£11.6m	£18.4
Profit transferred to Retained Profits	£19.5m	£13,9



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If, when you think of Brazil's exports, you think of collee, you are only half right, Soyabeans run it very close. In fact there have been years when some actually overtook coffee.

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This is typical of the recent history of Brazil's economy-a story of sustained growth in all sectors. Yet Brazil is still by any definition a developing country, and with its 110 million

people offers boundless opportunities to European businessmen.

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produced excellent results in a number of territories and made a useful overall contribution.

There were, however, substantial differences in the results from different areas, which again emphasises the advantage of the wide geographical spread of our business.

Our important interests in Canada and Australia both showed considerable improvement. Much credit is due to the management in both territories, particularly to the management in Australia, which has made a very good recovery. Brazil had an excellent year and we had continuing profits from our Far East operations, from our insurances of overseas risks written in the London market, and from New Zealand after some years of poor results. Germany and Holland were affected by the storms in January and intense competition although our losses in these two countries were to some extent offset by good results in France.

Marine and Aviation

Premium growth was inhibited by the slow recovery from the world recession of 1975. The volume of goods in transit failed to rise, ship values remained depressed in line with freight rates, and newship orders declined.

In addition, British underwriters had to contend with the devaluation of sterling, continuing inflation and serious competition due to over-capacity in the market at home and the expansion of emerging markets overseas.

Overseas, however, there has been some improvement and I would especially mention the satisfactory results achieved in Australia, the U.S.A., Brazil, and Hoog Kong.

Despite all the difficulties the results of our marine and aviation operation have enabled this side of our activities to make a useful contribution to our profit and loss account.

Life The volume of new life assurance and annuity business continued to expand at home and overseas. The world-wide total of sums assured in 1976 at £2,420m is more than twice the figure we wrote in 1972. The fall in the exchange value of the pound and continuing inflation in a number of countries have had some effect on the figures, but they nevertheless still illustrate that the value of life assurance compinues to he widely recognised.

Nat New Business	. 1976	1975	1974	1973	1972
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Sums assured	2,420.8	2,014.4	1,593.4-	1,264.8	- 1,160.6
Annual premiums	37.8	29.3	24.3	20.7	16,8
Single premiums	19.0	13.0	22.5	23.3	20,5
Annuities per annum	51.8	39.7	35.3	27.9	18,5

On the Guardian fund there has been a further rise in the margin hetween the average valuation rate of interest used and the yield on the fund and in consequence we have once again been able to increase the rates of reversionary bonus for most classes of policy, whilst at the same time maintaining the rates of terminal bonus.

Profit and Loss Account

The good profits from our operatioos in 1975 have been carried through to 1976 despite all the problems faced by the insurance market last year.

Investment income continued to develop as planned in relation to the funds generated by our new business, although the increase from our funds in Germany was lower than usual due to local conditions and the sharp drop in yields in that market.

Staff. Throughout the world the staff have during 1976 once again given us the support that we have come to expect. We do not take this for granted or as a matter of course, and the directors

and I would like to make it clear that our thanks to them are no mere formality. Staff in many countries continued to suffer from the pressures

of inflation. Excessive inflation discourages all levels of staff, but particularly those for whom incomes control and penal tax rates substantially erode purchasing power. It is encouraging that they have not allowed these pressures to diminish their efforts or weaken their loyalty to the company. We keep their position constantly in mind but the restrictions of incomes policies, the cost of maintaining existing pension benefits and the difficulty of achieving satisfactory underwriting profits leave little margin for us to improve the terms of service at present.

The reports of the Bullock Commission will clearly lead to much public debate. At the moment I can see no benefit, if the majority report were to be implemented, to the welfare of nur business and to the profitability and security of service on which the prospects of all our staff depend, particularly also as the largest part of our husiness is conducted overseas.

Prospects for the Group

Last year I said I did not think that 1976 would be quite as good. an underwriting year as the preceding year and I was happy to be proved wrong. We are only a little way into the present year. but unless there are many major disasters, or freak weather conditions, I think the results should again improve.

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We have planned ahead for those business functions with which able and qualified husinessmen can deal hut regrettably there are some unpredictable factors arising from politics. I refer to the proposals put forward by an element in the British Labour Party for the nationalisation of a number of leading insurance companies and banks. Fortunately the Prime Minister has said that this is not Labour government policy and I think the chances of any developments in this field are remote.

However, the very fact that this suggestion has been put to, and received support at, a Labour party conference damages our image nverseas - we trust only temporarily. It cannot be too often repeated that the nationalisation of industries does not, certainly in this country, contribute in any way to the national . wealth, that there is now a quite considerable reduction in the percentage of the population whn are still engaged in private enterprise and that it is this sector who produce the profits on which we all live. In this sector is included the invisible earners banking, shipping, commodity markets, tourism and the very important British insurance industry which in 1975 (last year's figures are not yet available) brought in £978m. The insurance industry's contribution (insurance companies, brokers and Lloyd's) was £452m.

The profits from business like ours provide the basis of finance for industry - and for employment within industry - and influence the future prosperity of all of us in Britain. Withour nationalisation we can make our full contribution, restricted hy it the problems of the country will increase. I hope that wiser counsel will prevail, and the industry and the country will staunehly oppose any action which will damage what is a great heritage.

Copies of the Annual Report for the year 1976, containing the Chairman's Statement in full, obtainable from the Secretary, Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Limited, Royal Exchange, London EC3V 3LS.



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Points made by the Chairman, Mr. Robert Atkinson, in his Report for the period ending 31st December 1976.

Sales Increase 54%

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- Profits Increase 53%
- Earnings per Share Increase 48%
- Two Successful Acquisitions during period
- New Factory built in Sheffield
- Programme for Further Investment in Machinery and Modernisation
- Confidence in Increasing Profitability
- Increased Final Dividend

Results

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Sales (£000)	8474	8303	12377	13456	23766	28382
Pretax Profit (£000)	228	409	1268	1385	2115	2387
Earnings per share (p)	3.4	6.5	16.5	17.6	26.1	31.77
Dividend per share (p)	2,19	3.06	3.35	3.90	4.29	6.44
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12 months annualised ** 18 months period

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from:-The Secretary, Aurora Holdings Ltd., Aurora House, 61 Manchester Road, Sheffield S10 5DY

R.CARTWRIGHT (HOLDINGS)

A year of solid progress with record profit.

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Ptans for an expansion of companies outside the building trade are planned by reorganisation of productive capacity.	the dividend for the year ended ing or the Cuy code. March 3t, 1977. In yesterday's Treasury bill night and seven day official shares to 646,552 (7.03 per cent.). The right to the dividend for RESTAURANT Sold 25.000 shares from his authorities took the opportunity showed little change, and construction of the normal shores and 748 is authorities took the opportunity showed little change.
-* New methods and equipment are being introduced to improve productivity whilst maintaining or even reducing unit costs.	B. Elliott and Co. will be reduced below 30 per cent by 2,338,576 and no longer holds any purchased with all rights disposing of them to persons not shares. Burked including the right to acting in coocert under the mean. However, Mr. D. Bass has lending for some Transur bills renormant of D
★ Most companies in the Group are under considerable pressure to keep up with demand and we are more than holding our position as one of the major suppliers to the trade.	B. ELLIOTT/NEWALL says that shoold the offer not Marshall Cavendish: Mr. R. A. C. The Ordinary shares of Newall become unconditional, the present Vivian, director, bas sold 9t0 Machine Tool (the subject of an 38.25 per cent. holding beld by shares and now holds 50,000, agreed offer worth £2.4m, from the two sharebolders abould be British Printing Corpn. has sold
Maximum permitted dividend increase making total for the year 2.4178p (1975, 2.198p). Dividend now covered 2.82 times.	the Treasury bas not confirmed clare the offer unconditional unfil Allied Colloids Gronp: Mr. J. that ACT will be reduced to 33 per acceptances exceed 38.7 per cent. Binnie, director, has sold 1,000 cent. In a further ruling, the Pauel director, has sold 25,000.
* Total sates increased by 28% in a year of solid progress with record profits.	Drdinary divideod will oot be put Edward Bates director Mr. Denis Biss, director, has sold 6,575
Mr. J. C. Northam, Chairman, reports:	notice of the AGM. G. W. Jarvill should not be Barnsley director, has sold £1,000 and 384.816 (6.7 per cent.). C. and also acts jointly with another shares reducing his bolding. In the circumstances, resolution allowed to influence the offer, and of Ordinary stock. McAlpine 500,153 (ä per cent.) as a trustee for 3.340. 277,074 (3.56 per cent.).
Earnings per share 6.82 p 3.87p Final dividend 1.4178 p 1.198p	been asked to approve in accord. However, the Panel has ruled [1.199,247 (20.38 per cent.), D. M. Wettern beneficially interested in Alley Plant Group: Mr. J.
Profit after tax £ 201,045 £ 114,132	is equal to the amount of the final for its 29.5 per cent, bolding in Howard Private Education Trusts. (22.96 per cent.), I. M. McAlpine cent.) non-beneficially. Mr. P. W. Bennett, director, dividend shareholders would have May 1975.

The John Lewis Partnership

department stores and Waitrose supermarkets

Summar	of Results for the year	
	th January 1977	

The business of the John Lewis Partnership belongs to those who work in it-tha whole of the equity of John Lewis Partnership Limited being held in trust for that purpose. The profit that remains, after tha payment of intereston loans and fixed preferance dividenda and after profit retentions, is distributed as Partnership Bonus among all those who work in the business in proportion to their year's pay.

Sales increased by £63 million to £370 million (20%). Department store sales rose by £33 million (18%) and sales in Waitrose supermarkets by £27 million (23%).

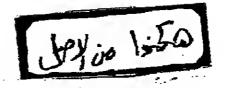
Profits did not rise as much as sales because of lower gross profit margins and sharp increases in costs. Neverthaless, the balance availabls for profit sharing and retention rose satisfactorily by £2.5 million (18%). Retentions totalled £5.5 million and the Partnership Bonus distribution was £6.6 million -15% of pay.

For copies of the full accounts please telephone 01-637 3434 Ext 6221 or write to Chief Information Officer, The John Lewis Partnership, 4 Old Cavendish Street, London W1A1EX

John Lewis Partnership Limited Consolidated Results 1975/76 1976/77 £000's £000's Ssles (including VAT) 369,721 307,089 Trading Profit after depreciation but before interest 26,4D1 22,749 **Profit after interest** 23,522 20,266 Balance after taxation and preference dividends 16,135 13,609 Use of balance; Pension Funds contributions 4,046 3,402 Retentions in the business 5,529 5,471 Partnership Bonus 4,736 6,56D As a parcentege of pay 15% 13% Capital employed at the end of the year 134,953 118,830

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Profit
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At ballway profit was \$45,244 expects a continued improvement 11,0251. In 1977 and 1978. The year-end profit is struck. The high return of profit in the ter topping up the pension fund, bardware division is aspected to £37,793 and interest of improve in the current period, \$3,559 (£157,865). Turnover Mr. Atkinson states creased from £8.0m. to £0.9m. In the machine tool division a Tax takes £53,385 (£15,081 useful contribution is expected in edit) and extraordinary debirs 1977. 2,500 (£54,147), leaving £30,081. The directors estimate that over 130,668 credit). the years over-provisions for The dividend for the year, is deforted tax amount for £103m.-pt at 0,625p net.

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to be angled towards exports on Incalliny modern techniques of scale Incalliny design. They also intend to widen all further the scope of the indistitut products group. Further scould tions are planned as the onporter TEADUNG in the current year at alties arise, he adds. Referring to Balfour Beattr and Air Robert Atkinson, chair-which contributed 12 per cent. of man, anticipates further growth total operating profits of £5325m; and a continued improvement in during 1978, the chairman reports trailing results, he tells members that the order book at the start in his annual statement. at 1977 was a record £240m. 50 Definite progress has been per cent. of which is either made in all policies and objec-direct export or overseas work these and policies and objec-direct export or overseas work they, applied in all policies and objec-direct export or overseas work they applied in all policies and objec-direct export or overseas work they applied in all policies and objec-direct export or overseas work they applied in all policies and objec-direct export or overseas work they applied in all policies and objec-direct export or overseas work they applied in all policies and objec-direct export or overseas work they applied in a specially in organic operating profit, have already rationalisation, improved admini-oroonced useful improvements stration and personnel manage-and will certainly make further ment: the considers the state of orooners in 1977. By the end of the group, to be healthy and the 1978 the directors expect to bave a economic infeed of exthode or of involvement in high technology in continuous copper casting init. At the pre-tax level, profit for assets, 1976 the progress from £227m. to

Init. Selective investment. In Incen At the pre-tax level, profit for assets, 1976 rose from £52,27m. to The company's style of progress. 183.48m. on turnover up from however. requires a occasionsi 1758 in. to £598.4m. Volume short periods of adjustment and ales dropped by 8 per cent. financial consolidation and at Australia and New Zealand present gearing is being reduced ontributed 19.6 per cent of sales the expects to report a signif-und Africa, Near and Middle East; can't improvement for this during 4.8 per cent. If a sales of the year.

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WHITES .

it has been decided to write this amount back into the accounts. Statement, Page 26

The liquidator of Amalgamates

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The overseas division produced excellent results in 1978 in a num-ber of territories, with husiness in Canada and Australia abowing considerable improvement. But In the marine market, premium srowth was haid back by the slow recovery in shipping from the world-wide recession of 1975. The volume of goods in transit-failed to rise, ship values re-mained depressed in line with fraight return and new thin order Mr. Collins warns that the incen-tive for further improvement and mained depressed in line with the for further inprovement and sandary or, freight rates and new ship orders the margin of profit in Canada is Turnover declined. Market conditions pre-being inhibited hy stringent to £1121m. clude the possibility of any Government restrictions. Brazilian The divid worthwhile profit. There was little operations bad an excellent year maintained change in the aviation market and the group had continuing share. last year and there had heen a profits from its Far East husiness. Loss for the false sense of security due to Other territories bad mixed (£135,741) a the very good experience for wide results. bodied jets for the three years Mr. Collins reports that invest- loss of £640 since the Turkish DC10 fors. The ment in all the major classes was a pre-acquis recent disaster et Tenerife Air made In 1976, but greater for 1973-76.

Heal & Son Furniture manufacturers and retailers, Real and Son Holdings, reports a decreased pre-tax loss of £25,241 for the year ended January 31, 1877, against £184.460.

or £25,241 for the year ended A second balf pick-up by Wire January 31, 1977, against £194,460. and Plastic Products has lifted Turnover was up from £10,38m. profits for 1976 from £285,647 to for fill21m. The dividend for the year is dowo £17,000. The year's turn-maintained at 5p net per £1 over rose from £1.08m. 10 Elass for the year was £18,509

Richards steady at halfway

Wire & Plastic shows rise

LOSS for the year was Ligoup After tax of Elsz, 657 (List, 677), (£136,741) after a tax credit of net profit came out at El30,625 (530,922 (533,174) and minorities (£110,770) for earnings of 5.34p loss of £640 (53.170). There was (4.82p). The final dividend is a pre-sequisition profit of £18,625 1.23p for a net total of 1.93p for 1973-76. (1.76p).

(Free translation of the official French tert)

UNION MINIERE Société Anonyme

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NOTICE to SHAREHOLDERS

Sbareholders are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Thursday, 26th May, 1977, at 10.30 a.m. in the office of the "Société Genérale de Belgique." 30 rue Royale, Brussels.

AGENDA

- Reports by the Board of Directors, the Auditing Com-mission and the legal Auditor for the finaocial year 1976. Approval of the halance sheet as at December 3L 1976, and of the profit and loss account of the financial year; distribution of the profit.
- Discharge to be granted to the Directors and Auditors.

Statutory appointments-Emoluments of the legal Auditor. In order to be admitted to this Meeting owners of bearer

sbares must deposit their shares not later than Wednesday. 18th May. 1977, with any one of the following hanks: in Belgium: with "Société Générale de Baoque," io Brussels

or any of its other offices and agencies; in France: with "Banque Belge (France)," rue Voiney 12,

75002 Paris: in the Netherlands: with "Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank." Herengracht 595, 1001 Amsterdam.

Owners of hearer shares will he admitted to the Meeting on producing a statement from one of the above banks mentioning the identity of the owner of the shares and certifying that the shares will remain deposited from 18th to 26th May, 1977, included.

Owners of registered shares must advise the Company not later than Wednesday. 18th May, 1977, 1.f their intention to attend the Meeting or to be represented.

Proxies, conferred according to article 30 of the Articles of Association, must be deposited not later than Wednesday. 18th May, 1977, at the Company's Registered Office, rue de la Chancellerie 1, Brussels.

Proxy forms are available to shareholders at the Com-pany's Registered Office and also at the above-mentione 1 banks.

The Board of Directors

Overseas we have a most substantial and growing business...

some extracts from the speech at the annual general meeting by the Chairman, Mr. J. A. F. Binny

...with 54% of our profits in 1976 coming from our overseas subsidiaries and associates."

With the continuing decline in our UK business we must of necessity look to our overseas activities for growth in the next few years. We have been placing more emphasis in the consulting field, and our Consultancy Division now has contracts worth more than £10 million.

"...the danger of price controls..."

Another subject which is causing us great concern is the rate of return on capital employed. As you know, our depreciation policy over the last 20 years has, to a certain extent, anticipated current cost accounting. As a result we are in a stronger position than many industrial companies in Britain. This, however, does not alter the fact that we are not earning enough to enable us to make sufficient provision for the future.

Since the beginning of 1974 coal prices have risen by an average of more than 200%, electricity by nearly 90% and transport costs by nearly 80%,

The triggering force to enhanced efficiency is capital investment hat builds ew manufacturing facilities and replaces antiquated equipment. Over a period neglected replacement of existing capacity, inadequate expansion of new capacity, and postponed introduction of the latest and most efficient technology lead to declining profits and ultimately to business failure.

chairman

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Horace CHEMICAL COLOUR MANUFACTURERS

Mr. S. J. S. Eley. chairman, reports on 1976:

* Mr. J. H. Grimshaw who had dedicated his life to the service of the Company over a period ol almost 50 years died on 14th March, 1977. He will be missed by everyone associated with the Company:

Turnover increased by 47 per cent and pretax profits by 95 per cont, while earnings per ordinary share more than doubled.

"We are constantly seeking to improve our production and some £60,000 was spent on new plan1 and equipment in 1976. Our capital expenditure programme for 1977 includes the replacement of alder machinery with new items giving increased capacity.

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* With a view to increasing our direct exports. the Managing Director has recently visited countries in the For East and the results achieved have proved very sallsfactory.

* Profits for the first quarter of 1977 show an increase over the corresponding period last year and we would hope to see some increase over the amount earned in 1976.

ROBACE DURE & CALLTD., NATEAN WAY, LONDON SEM MAY



In the overseas manufacturing operations many Group companies are planning expansion programmes and over the next few years we should begin to see the results of increased production in some key areas. Although some of our overseas companies are experiencing many of the difficulties we are facing at home we can look forward to an improving situation in most places.

"1976 was a difficult year..."

As you will be aware, 1976 was a difficult year for the construction industry in the United Kingdom. Lack of confidence, high rates of interest, and finally cuts in Government and local government expenditure all had an adverse influence. In terms of figures, sales volume at the end of 1976 was 23% under the peak demand of 1973 and

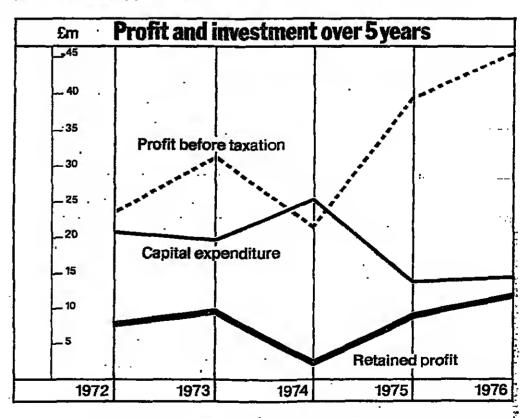
we expect a further fall of at least 10% in the current year from the 1976 figure.

However, exports represent 20% of our current UK production and we confidently expect to double the 1976 figure of 1 million tonnes this year.

Results for the year		
	1976 £m	1975 £៣
Turnover	360.0	279.9
Profit before taxation	45.4	39.4
Profit after taxation Earnings per £1 ordinary	22.8	17.4
stock unit Dividends paid and proposed	22.8p	18.3p
per £1 ordinary stock unit	8.3644p	7.604p

 ASSOCIATED PORTLAND ENT MANUFACTURERS
BLUE CIRCLE GROUP

The cost of building a new works using the more economical dry process today amounts to something near £70 per tonne of annual capacity, or £70 million for a million tonne a year plant. Compare this figure with the £24.3 million we were able to set aside last year for depreciation on our existing plant and buildings, and £11.6 million retained net for new investment. No wonder we are concerned with the effect the new Price Code might have on our business, and we have been deeply disturbed by the recent rejection of our latest price increase application.



Cement is still a very cheap commodity. It represents less than 21/2% of the cost of a house, and in 1976 money values, costs less per tonne than it did in 1951. Profit in real terms has hardly improved with the result that the industry as a whole earns less than 7% on capital employed in the UK. It is essential the Government should realise the danger of imposing controls on political grounds rather than on economic facts.

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Travel setback forecast by MINING NEWS **— Thomson Organisation**

IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS for the On the subject of the intro- As reported April 29, pre-tax Thomson Organisation are uncer- duction of new technology in the profit for 1976 rose from 26.86m. fain, the main area for concern group's national and regional to £12.63m.—not less than £11m. being the group's travel interests newspacer operation. Mr. Brunton was forecast.

being the group's travel interests newspace operation. Mr. Brunton was forecast. from which a significant reduction points out that the cost of this in profits is envisaged for the investment is estimated to be increased by £2.33m. 155.93m.].-current year. Mr. G C. Brunton, the chief being spent at a very high rate m executive. explains that the anticipation of future develop-out the industry is showing a decline of 20 per cent. and although the group has improved its share of a declining market. can bring is rejected, then there Mr. G C. Brunton, the chief being spent at a very high rate m executive. explains that the anticipation of future develop-decline of 20 per cent. and although the group has improved can bring is rejected, then there May 27, noon.

group is planning capital invest- May 3t at noon. ment in the regional publishing centres of £35m, up to 1980.

The group is plaoning to invest some £21m, during 1977 and deliberately budgeting for substan-tial cash outflow. The chief executive feels that these investments in new technology for newspapers and in aeroplanes will bring benefits in the future and the expenditure is justified by the expectation of substantial cash flows in the years ahead.

As regards the prospects for

are very much dependent upon the Piper and Claymore develop-ments protecting according to plan. During the year hold field should achieve peak planned pro-duction. The expectation is that the financial facilities available to the development of lite two fields will be sufficient to complete the development as currently planned. Says it is well placed to take full the product of the tax and to a less extent 1975 were \$5,835,000 (decrease £53,000), enhanced hy exchange profits and to a less extent 1975 were \$5,835,000 (decrease £53,000), enhanced high interest rates, both of the development of the two fields will be sufficient to complete the development as currently planned. Says it is well placed to take full the development as currently planned.

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THE pattern of achieving growth

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The directors of National and Commercial Banking Group Limited report the

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Bank of Ireland upsurge

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THE DEPRESSED markets for sands complex at Richards Bay in mining and manufacturing invest-rutile and zircon have made life South Africa. First shipments ment are now exempt from the innenable for Western Mining's are due in the third quarter of Variable Deposit Requirement; sound numeral sands operation this year. the latter is for 25 per cent, of at Jurien Bay in Western Union Corporation is a partner funds brought into Australia for Australia. Accordingly, it has in this project which will dredge non-exempt purposes to be lodged then decided to suspend product timenite, rutile and zircon. The interest-free with the Reserve ling and place the project on a limenite, will be processed in a Bank for three years. Already tare and maintenance basis as speirer for the extraction of high exempt are funds imported for from the end of this month grade titable slag and fow mancare and maintenance basis as speirer for the extraction of high exempt are funds imported for from the end of this month grade titania slag and two man-direct investment in new mioing apart from the low metal prices tion is also a holder of Cndgen RZ plant and equipment and mining and the Australian Government's which ceased its Australian exploration. Succontinuation of its previous mineral sands mining operations minimum price for zircon, freight in Queensland in January. and handling costs have increased

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ROUND-UP

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BY KENNETH MARSTON, MINING EDITOR

substantially, Jurien Bay's operat-ing costs thus continue to exceed

the value of production. The miners! sands denosit was purchased by Western Mining at the end of 1974 when rutic and

As previously reported in this

column Conzine Riotinto of Australia is prepared to take a

long term view of recovery prospects for mineral sands 1: thus intends to make an assess-

meni of the Jennings for any and onerations at Geraldton and Encabha (not far from Jurien Bay) in order to size up the potential of running them in con-

junction with others in the area. Meanwhile, Kennecott Copper's

Improvement at Noranda

Higher costs and tax charges **AL INOFAILUR** cansed a reduction of S per cent. FIRST QUARTER profits of in the net earnings of the Filipino Canada's Noranda Mines have profits were fil2.5m. against film. Basic carnings for the year are up from 64.7p to 77.4p per fit slock and fully diluted from 5r to table for the following to find the following to first to table for the following to the fit the same period of 1976. Net earnings were sold for the following to first the following to first to first to first to first to first to table for a 15p total and a one-for three scrip issue is proposed. The directors say that the total

2.200 ionnes were soid. But metallurgical problems The Laxembourg-masses were encountered and markets Resources International has the source of the source The Noranda president, Mr. Alfred Powis, points ont that the recovery has reflected higher metal prices, notably copper and lead; the contribution of the expanded aluminium plant in Misto develop a magnesile deposit in Gnatemala. If test work is successful a plant will be constructed to beneficiate and calcine the ore. VM has undertaken to purchase souri: and the effects on export income of the decline in the value plant output for a minmum

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RESULTS AND ACCOUNTS IN BRIEF

Meanwhile, Kennecott Copper's was caused by a cyclone. two-thirds owned Quebec from * * * new operations Noranda's earn-and Titanium expects to start Foreign borrowings hy Ansings should be better this year mining operations next month at tralian financial intermediaries to than in 1976, "although they won" the \$250m. (fl4am.) mineral on-leod for certain categories of be good enough."

RESULTS AND ACCOUNTS IN BRIEF
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GIG SOREC LIMITE (Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

The Financial Times Friday May 6 1977

INTERIM REPORT

The directors report that the unaudited results of the company and its subsidiaries, for the six months ended

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investments

Investments A dissolution of the association with Sanlam in San (Proprietary) Limited and Its subsidiary companies in realize weeks bas resulted in the acquisition by Soree of a the cent interest in a company. Charybils Investments (Pro-prietary) Limited in exchange for its 35 per cent interest Sanso (Proprietary) Limited. Charybils Investments (Pro-prietary) Limited acquired from the Sanso Group Mo per cent of the issued share capital of Sanso Properties Jonder State (Proprietary) Limited (owning Hts Mujesty's Johannesburg) of the issued share capital of Sanso Properties Jondert Strik (Proprietary) Limited (owning His Majesty's Johannesoni Gower Properties (Proprietary) Limited (awoing Twenty Century Building, Johannesburg), Sanso Properties Rielies Street (Proprietary) Liothed (nwing Sanso Centre, Cap Townt, Sanso Properties Pretoria (Proprietary) Links (owning Opera Plaza, Pretoria) and Weinbley Property (Proprietary) Limited (owning Weinbley Stadium, Johannes (Proprietary) Limited (owning Weinbley Stadium, Johannes (Proprietary) Limited (owning Weinbley Stadium, Johannes) Sanso Group, namely the companies uwning Kine Centre. Th Coliscum, Constantia Cinema and Lake Cinema, all tra-Johannesburg, and Grand Central in Port Flizabeth, we retained hy Sanlau. The balancing of the division of the portfolio of the furmer Sanso Group thereafter required a cas adjustment in favour ni Sorec and its holding compan-African Eagle Property Holdings Limited. Terms of repa-

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ment have been agreed between the parties. Subsequent to the terms of the dissolution agreement win Sanlam being finalised the pre-agreed sale of Wembley Pr perties (Proprietary) Limited was also finalised following th successful rezoning of the property. The sale was made fr cash.

Sale of Fixed Property

Sale of Fixed Property During April 1977 the sale of the property known : Wesbank House, owned by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sare was concluded for an amount of R3.6 million. After repayment of mortgage bonds totalling approximately R2 million if group will receive a valuable cash injection on transfer the property estimated for May 1977. The net capital surph on disposal will be credited to non-distributable reserve in the with the group's accounting policy. Another wholly-owned subsidiary has entered into twonty year head lease in respect of the property sold.

Dovelopment Project

Satisfactory progress is being made towards complete of Killarney Mall, which is the only remaining developmen project. Expenditure thereon is within hudget. Capital Commitments

Commitments in respect of capital expenditure still unsat for the Killarney project and other developments in which Sorec has a less than 50 per cent interest amount 10 approx mately R3 600 000 (31 December 1975; R11 100 000).

Dividends It is not intended to declare an interim dividend for in six months ended Si March 1977 in view of the need of the group to conserve cash and thereby increase the profitable of the group. The position will be reviewed at the code the financial year

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Outlook for 1977

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	6 months ended 31 March 1977	6 months ended 31 March 1976	12 months ended 30 Sept. 1976
Operating profit	£000	£000	£000£
The company and its subsidiaries	27,075	25,802	51,616
Share of associated companies	4,040	2,479	6,104
Group profit before taxation and extraordinary items	31,175	28,281	57,720
Taxation			
The company and its subsidiaries	(13,613)	(13,964)	(26,602)
Share of associated companies	(2.190)	(1,228)	(3,234)
Profit after taxation but before extraordinary items	15,312	13.089	27,884
Preference dividends	(27)	(27)	(54)
Profit earned for ordinary shareholders before extraordinery items	15,285	13,062	27,830
Extracrdinary items (see note)	(1.567)	1,245	(6,069)
	13.718	14,307	21,761
Ordinary dividend	(2,809)	(2,585)	(5,298)
Retained profit	10,909	11,722	16,463
Earnings per 25p ordinary share	6.8p	5.8p	12.4p
Note: Extraordinary items for the six months e	nded 31 March 1	977 include su	bordinated loan

Note: Extraordinary items for the six months ended 31 March 1977 include subordinated loar issue expenses and loss on sale of an associated company.

INTERIM STATEMENT

For the six months to 31 March 1977 the unaudited operating profit of the compeny end its subsidiaries amounted to £27,075.000, or 5 per cent. higher then the figure for the corresponding period in the previous year. After including the share of results of associated companies, Group profit before texation at £31,115,000 rose 10 per cent.

An increase in net interest earnings from sterling business in the period wes the result of a balance of factors. On the one hand there wes e higher averege base rate and also a slightly larger volume of resources employed. On the other there was e reduction in the average margins between deposit end base rates end on the employment of wholesele market deposits. Interest earnings from currency buainess were also affected by smeller margins. Operating costs have continued to rise but not so severely es last year.

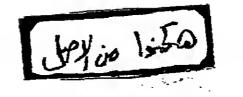
The share of results of associated companies rose from £2,479,000 to £4,040,000. This increase mainly reflects the effect of the sale of Associated Securities Limited in Australie which was incurring loases.

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Improvement at Hoechst as first quarter closes

was not possible, therefore, to demand would be maintained, increased as a result of such take the first quarter's perfor- In any event, the management issues would be DM75m.

BY STEWART FLEMING

Petrofina shares recover

BY DAVID BUCHAN IN BRUSSEN

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Bally in Ministry inquiry

The Financial Fines Friday May 6 1977

By John Wicks. ZURICH, May 5. Reak 1 ZURICH, May 5, THE SWISS National Bank ber department of the report department of the country. Ministry of Finance on append of the recent take over a fill Bally shoe concern. The National Bank president **N**

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On Jannary 38, 600 Jonan hoard of C. F. Bally, with du exception of President Wallow Heiniger, resigned on configuration tion that Syndlinted.6 hed t controlling interest in th

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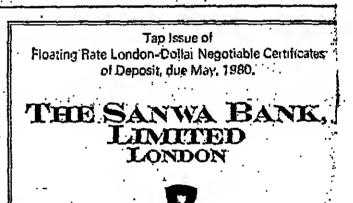
pany was, and would rea Swiss. Mr. Roy, new mann director and management chain-man of C. F. Bally, is the former president of the Over seas Development Bank i Geneva, which was taken over from C. F. Bally this Fehrmari by the newly-formed hubing company Bally Anlagen AG. A spokesman of C. F. Ball to-day declined to comment c

be matter.

NEW YORK, May 5. Dresdner upturn

DRESDNER BANK AG's fri quarter 1977 operating prate \ were higher than the year of dne to a sharp increase in trading profits, managemen Board spokesman Juerge Ponto, told shareholden reports Reuter.

Surpluses on interest an commission business wer slightly lower than in the first three months of last year, h said.



In accordance with the provisions of the Certificates, notice is hereby

given that for the initial six months interest period from May 6th to November 7th, 1977, the Certificates will carry an Interest Rate of

6% per annum. The relevant interest payment date will be November

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 Spigot fall in Siemens' profits
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 by Adrian Dicks

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Dow Chemical DOW CHEMICAL Company is he repeated in 1977, said Mr. poptimistic about its future prices this year were expected economies are recovering, Mr. be repeated in 1977, said Mr. Joid the annual meeting, reports Mr. Merszei gave several S142.6m, in the same period last

New bid rumoured for Babcock



1	Total Direct Premiums Written	413,437	363,367	13.8
1	Total Direct Premiums Earned			
	Accident and Health	327,772	289,154	13.4
1	Lile	72,391	64,570	12.1
	Total	400,163	353,724	13.1
i	Investment Income - Net	32,723	25,948	26.1
	Financial Position Elements			
1	Total Assets	769.152	632,789	21.5
1	Sharehalders' Equity	317,110	259,827	22.0
	Shareholders' Equity Per Share	e \$11.96	\$9.80	22.0
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•	*Restated for 1976 accounting change realised investment gains or losses.	as for loreign c	urrency transla	ition and

Combined Insurance Company of America and its subsi-diaries net income for 1976 achieved a record level of profits. diaries net income for 1976 achieved a record level of profits. Combined Insurance Company of America and its subsi-diaries operate throughout the United States, the District of Columbia. Canada, New Zealand. Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Puerto Rico. Trinidad, the United Kingdom and the Virgin Islands and began writing Accident and Health insurance in West Germany in 1976. The group's main business is writing and selling individual accident and health income protection policies and life insurance policies at moderato cost. In the United States. Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom it sells accident, bealth and life insurance: in other areas it specialises in accident and health insurance. In their annual message to shareholders for the year ended

In their annual message to shareholders for the year ended Sist December 1976, the Chairman, W. Clement Stone, and the President and Chief Executive Officer, Clement Stone, stated most of the goals established at the beginning of 1976 vere achieved. The most significant was the record levels of

Four important corporate objectives were achieved in 1976 which were: Net income for the year 1976 amounted to \$59,611,000, cash dividends were 69.5 cents per shore. The past year marked the 25th consecutive year of increased cash dividends to Combined Shareholders. Total direct premiums written reached \$413,437,000 and net investment income was a record \$32.723,000.

MARKETING ACTIVITIES

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The past year was also highlighted by accelerated premium growth in the group's domestic accident and health opera-tions and continued good performance abroad in most of the international sales territories. Domestic A & H voluma benefited significantly from the Hospital Indemnity policy, Disobility Income Amendment and tha Cancer Aid policy, highlighted in last year's annual report. Plans have been prepared for extending the \$10,\$20 programme domestically over the next two years. over the next two years.

International operations were satisfactory from the view-point of premiums and profits this past year. Noteworthy was the fine start-up of our affiliate, Combined Insurance Company of Ireland.

On July 4, 1976. Wesl German authorities granted a license to sell accident insurance. This very important European country is one of the cornerstones of the European expan-4

Bion plon. Premium results reported by the Little Giant Life sales dapartment were below expectations. Promiums written totalled \$72,103,000, a gain of 11.1 per cent for the year. Earlier it was anticipated that there would be a more sizeable

increase. Agency Division operations made the greatest improvement this past year with premiums up 17.3 per cent. Equally important, loss ratios were sharply reduced which produced a major swing in profitability from 1975 to 1976.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Investment results in 1976 were again improved, measured in terms of increased investment incoma and balance sheet growth. Nat investment income increased 26.1 per cent. Total assets of the Combined Group of Companies were an all-time record \$769.152,000 of the year-end, a 21.5 per cent increase from the prior year. Shareholders' equity reached \$11.96 per share at the end of 1976. The 1976 after tax return on share-holders' equity for the large after tax return on shareholders' equity (at the beginning of the year) was 21.8 per cent, a result which ranks Combined among tha leaders in the insurance industry.

Certain information. required by The Stock Exchange in London to be made or uilable. may be inspected during usual business hours up to and including 26th May 1977, at Klein-wort, Benson Limited. 34 Linue Street. London, EC3M TLX from whom the Annual Report may be obtained.

DOW CHEMICAL Company is Branch. Worldwide selling optimistic about its future prices this year were expected to be up 5 per cent, against, 2.7 per cent. last year. In the meantime, NWU hoped to be able to avoid short time working, and to increase overseas husiness in proportion to the work frozen by the effect tive stop placed by court orders on atomle power plant construction in Germany.

EUROBONDS

Excitement in dollar sector

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Salient points from the Statement by the Chairman

Mr. F. E. F. Newman, M.C. for the year to 31st December 1978.

Operations cover Aviation, Travel,

Seven fold increase in profits over

The level of sctivity prevsiling in the markets served by

the Shipbroking Company and the amount of business

alresdy concluded signify the likelihood of a satisfactory

result for the current year. For Dan-Air the level of

scovity remains high and a busy summer season is

forecast. Although there sre factors which can at short

notice intervene to affect the overall result, the outlook

Copies of the Annual Report for 1976 may be abtained from the Company Secretary, 36-38 New Brosd Street, Landan EC2MINH.

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Comparative Figures

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Profit before tax

Dividends per share

Retained earnings

Earnings per share

Profit after tax

(gross)

Turnover now £79 million.

Banking company's bid for Creditanstalt at the close was

Boxater, also new in the market yesterday held up well— the quote at the close was between 993 and 100. New Zealand Development Finance Corporation stood around 983-99.

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Protea Board rejects bid

By Our Own Correspondent JOHANNESBURG, May 5.

THE PROTEA Holdings board was quick to respond to Aber-com's surprise share bld. and came out with an outright rejection of the offer after the market closed yesterdey. This was hardly surprising as it was hardly surprising es it would bave been strange indeed if the Board bad welcomed an offer, which if goes through, will result in a reduction in Protea shareholders assets, earnings and dividends per share on historic figures. Abercom chairman, Mr. David Lurie, is adamant that he is not prepared to contemplate upping the bid from the original offer of 33 Abercom for 100 Protea. As both are freely traded stocks, the decision is now over to market forces to decide the rele-vant merits of the bid.

But even if Protea line up en alternative hidder, and the lack of suitors in the past would point to this likeli-bood, and effective defence bood, and effective defence could be mounted which could make it difficult for Ahercom, to get its desired 100 per cent. control.

recently completed rights offer-ing, UCL Securities Inc., an affiliate of Greusot Loire S.A. of France and the Empain-Schneider Group increased its interest in Phoenix to 43 per cent from 19 per cent. reports AP-DJ.

2.5m. shares of its common and 840,000 shares of its Preferred

Phoenix said UCL purchased

Sturdy growth

7th, 1977.

To hold one's position nowadays - and still more to advance - one has to be resourceful. We can point to some notable advances.

Because of a general tightening of credit, the cash surpluses deposited with us by the savings banks have been lower this last year. This has however been offset by an increase in deposits by customers, and we have not only been sble to meet the credit needs of the savings banks, but to increase our direct lending to corporate customers as well.

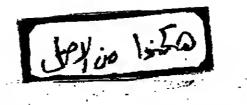
The Bank's share capital has been doubled by a new issue to the value of 30 million kronor, and a bonus issue of 15 million kronor. Further widening of the capital basis has been brought about by the issue of debentures totalling 110 million kronor.

The credit restrictions now in force are stricter for Sparbankernas Bank - as the central bank for the country's savings banks - than for other commercial banks. By increased financing abroad, however, it has been possible to limit the consequences for corporate barrowers. Although our total lending has, in the circumstances, not been able to expand at the same rate as that of some other banks, credits to business rose during 1976 by 45 per cent, and now amount to 40 per cent of our loans to customers other than the savings banks.

The demand for international financing - coming from local government as well as business firms - has been a considerable factor in the marked expansion of activity in our foreign department. All types of transaction are however affected, executing of payments for customers having gone up by 50 per cent during the past year, and the total turnover of the department likewise.

The Bank has been increasingly active in the placing of bond issues both in Sweden and in the internstional market. During 1976 we participated in 108 international issues, equivalent to a total of 20,000 million kronor - or more than double that of the previous year. International loans have further been arranged for Swedish local authorities, and in the international market our own debenture issue of US\$20 million was heavily oversubscribed.





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Akzo reorganisation plan nquiry after first quarter slump

BY MICHAEL YAN OS

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AMSTERDAM, May 5.

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Loss at Estel may increase this year

By Our Own Correspondent

AMSTERDAM, May 5. ESTEL, the Dutch-German steel combine, may make an even bigger loss this year than the 1976 deficit of Fis.69m., which was considerably flattered by an extrainduary credit from a revaluation of German fixed assets. Its new chairman, Mr. Jan Hooglandt, has conceded. The company's decision to pay a small dividend for 1976 from the reserves, despite the losses and the adverse pros-pects for this year, did not automatically mean that such a decision would again be

taken in 1977, he added. At a Press brieflug here on the publication of the gronp's annual report, the Estel chair-man said that although the order book had been "some-what better" in March and April, there was "no indica-tion that a 1974-type boom was underway." The cyclical anderway." improvement only WRS moderate and insufficient really to stimulate the invest-

ment goods industry .wbich was so important to the sleel Mr. Heoglandt added that after steel prices had dipped

after steel prices had dipped further to the first quarter this year, the large losses ex-pected in the steel division in the first half of the year would, as to the past year, "certainly not" be offset by the expected three "modestly profitable other main divisions, steel processing, trading and diversification. In the steel sector in fact. espacity ntilisation had

Higher prices will lift sales

Including internal deliveries which were up to Fis.3.5hr. (Fis.2.9hn.], showed that steri sales had gone up to FIS.6.4br. IFIs.3.7hn.). steel processing to Fls.3.4hn. IFIs.2.983bn.). trading to Fie.2.8hn. (Fis.2.8 hn.) and diversification to Fis.128m. (Fis.107m.). with Fis.128m. (Fis.107m.).

Illustraling the situation last year, Estel's raw steel production which, at 10.4m, tons in 1976, was 7.9 per cent. up.on 1975, was still 14.6 per cent. below the level of 1974.

With cash flow decilaing sbarply in 1975 and 1975, new

SIA expects 20% profit rise

SINGAPORE NEWS

AGC profits rise by 50%

AUSTRALIAN Guarantee Cor- receivables have now doubled in For its size AGC has had rela-corstion (AGC) has increased its the past thre years, due to strong tively little involvement in dominance of the finance indus- demand and inflation. This rapid property, but its letest result is try with a 50 per cent surge in growth is well ahead of the after writing all losses off profils for the March balf year. industry average and has forced egainst profils. had debts were Earnings jumped from the company into several equity \$A.6m. compared with \$A.35m. \$A12.48m. to \$A19.77m. aod direc- issues to maintain its gearing. in the 1976 March balf, largely tors expect to repeat, at least. Since February 1976 AGC has because of the uncertainty in

i AGC's strong performance is 52 per cent, of AGC's capital, of receivables, and assisted by reflected io a jump in gross has indicated it will make up its the gradual effect of higher than in March last The interior dividend is held proved the margin betwen hor-i tast September. The group's the usual annual rate of 7.5 the insurance division lifted to the ins

cents. The directors expect this The insurance division littled. A Bouslead Holdings spokes-rate will be mainteined on the premjum locome from \$A29.3m. nan said although the 6nal capital arising from the latest to \$A34.9m. and earned a record lisue, which does not rank uolii profit. 1977-78. Effectively, this will The directors expected receiv-meao a rise in the dividend pay- ables to increase at a slower; last year. Out from \$A5.9m. in 1975-76 to rate in the second half but that This was hecause the company \$A10.6m, this year and \$A15.9m, the profit will he at least main-in 1977-78. Alliance Oil reconstruction By Our Own Correspondent

SYDNEY, May 5, ALLIANCE OIL Development

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SINGAPORE AIRLINES (SIA) greater improvement in yield of \$\$194.5m. and \$\$218.4m. report that this trend in heal expects to make at after-tax compared with unit cost increase, respectively, but only part of demand for re-bars would pre-profit of \$\$30m. in the current the airline expects its breakeven the payment is due in the vail in the eurrent year in view financial year ending March, load factor to decline by 0.2 current year. About 56 per cent, of the continued bleak outlook (1978, an increase of 20.6 per cent, points to 57.6 per cent. of the \$\$366m, will be financed for private sector construction of \$\$24.9m. This was disclosed 22 per cent, in its total produc while the remainder will come in the airline's 1977-78 budget, tion capacity to 1.61bn. tonne from the Eximbank of the U.S. published in its latest monthly kilometres, in view of the linto-and commercial banks.

SYDNEY, May 6.

Upturn reported at Boustead

By Wong Sulong KUALA, LUMPUR, May 5. BOUSTEAD HOLDINGS to-day

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SINGAPORE, May: 5.

announced a sharp rise in pre tax profils to 8.66m. ringgits (£2m.) for the year ending December, 1976, compared with profits of 5.74m, ringgits io 1975, Turnover was 72.57m, ringgits (56.35m.).

cspacity ntilisation had tors expect to repeat, at least. Since February 1975 AGC bas because of the uncertainty in the mater is about 70 per cent. In the basis of one for ten at \$A1.00 a collected iolerest not brought in the same immum decided to make a much larger ioans totallied \$A2.8m. compared with an average of 75 per cent in 1975.76 to a minimum decided to make a much larger ioans totallied \$A2.8m. compared in the same in the same insue to enable AGC to cope with \$A1.8m. a year ago. If the latest performance in the same issue to enable AGC to cope with \$A1.8m. a year ago. If the GC results contrast with with further growth until at in addition a further bases and in some cases heavy five issue at 50 cents a share tion of the money market group, losses heaves of their expansion which will raise \$A30m, and Bill Acceptance Corporation. The break- and in some cases heave five issue at 50 cents a share tion of the money market group, losses heaves of their expansion which will raise \$A31.70 girm of first came from its subsidiation in property before the collapse boost capilal from \$A75.8m. to AGC still has \$A17m, of doubling, and ill estables. The first \$A1.70 girm of the market to day at \$A1.70 girm of the first \$A1.70 girm of the market to first first \$A1.70 girm of the f

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Trinkhaus result 'satisfactory DUSSELDORF, May 5.

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GRONINGEN, May 5,

In 1976 the rise in volume sales was 6.2 per cent. but total deliveries lagged behind the expected 96bn.plus cubic metres due to warm weather, the footomy and energy saving, Mr. Kardann added.

The recent blow-out at Eko-

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Reuter

the sales of non-consolidated diversification Interests rising to FIs.2.2hn (Fis.1.9bn.).

BY JAMES FORTH

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The Ordinary General Meeting of Aktiebolaget Volvo will be held in Gothenburg at the Swedish Trade Fair, Alstroemersalen at 10 a.m. on Monday 23rd May, 1977. Shareholders who wish to attend the meeting should notify the Company by not later than 12.00 noon on Wednesday 18th May, 1977 either in writing or by telephone.

In order to take part in the Ordinary General Meeting, shareholders must be registered in their own name at the Swedish Securities Register Centre (VPC) not later than 13th May, 1977. Shares registered in the names of nominees should be temporarily re-registered in the names of the shareholders themselves to enable them to participate.

The Ordinary General Meeting shall be convened to consider matters to be dealt with in accordance with the Swedish Compenies Act and the Company's Articles of Association and will be asked to approve certain amendments to the Articles. An English translation of the Company's Articles of Association together with the proposed amendments is available for inspection during normal business hours at Hill Samuel & Co. Limited, 100 Wood Street, London, E.C.2., until the day of the Meeting.

29th April 1977

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Spain raising DM500m. loan

By Francis Ghilès THE KINGDOM of Spain is raising DM300m. in the form of an eight-year fixed interest credit through a consortium of German banks led by West-deutsche Landesbank Girosenirale, the largest permanent Issuing house in Germany-The same bank is also lead manager for a loan to the Spanish state railway company, RENFE, which has just been increased from \$100m. to \$136m. Maturity is seven years and the rate is split: 1] per cent. over Libor for the first five

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reduction in capital from the existing \$A17.25m. to \$A3.07m. The move recognises the existing erosion of sbareholders' funds, which at June, 1976, stood at SA3.99m. During 1975-76 Allianco Oil wrote off SA7m. on abandoned exploration tenements, taking accumulated losses

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Mr. Carter's offensive on human rights upsets Latin American dictatorships

BY HUGH O'SHAUGHNESSY, Latin America Correspondent

LATIN AMERICA, for years since the early 1930s got the rights, principally Brazil, step against the dictators, it has do anything effective in the West This has been so success, dismissed by Dr. Henry idea that the U.S. edministra-Argentina and Uruguay. given encouragement to the human rights field he will have ful that it must now give panse Kissinger as "a degger poised tion would never complain of These first moves have opponents of these dictatorships to go much farther in his pres- to anyone to the U.S. who over the heart of the Antarctic," their conduct as long as it sparked off a hail of denuncia- and, not least importantly, it sure on the dictatorships of wanted to take any economic bas emerged in the past few caused no international prob- tions from the governments has underlined the contradictory Latin America than he has some action against Brazil. The direct weeks as a major diplomatic lems.

"More than any other region not surprising that neither ence in internal affairs" or America. just 25. say, the abolition of furning debt held by Brazilian of the world it is witnessing democracy nor respect for "Yankee insults to national The Russians see Latin physical torture, but the reduce banks is so large as to make it President Carter's offensive on human rights flourished. In sovereignty." Arguing that America as a potentially big tion of "political, social and risky for any tis, administrabettleground for the U.S. President Carter's offensive on human rights flourished. In sovereignty." Arguing that America as a potentially big tion of "political, social and risky for any t.S. administra the question of human rights order therefore for the Carter U.S. cuts in military aid to them market for their capital goods economic injustice mentioned from to try to hil the Brazilian and the chenceries of the hemis- administration's human rights were intolerable affronts Argen. such as hydroelectric equip- in his Washington speech. pbere are buzzing with activity policy to be effective in other tina. Brazil, El Salvador, ment They have been Bul to increase the pressure But if the U.S. is willy-nilly as Washington makes its new parts of the world it was vital Guatemala and Uruguay each making great efforts to get their he will have to intensify diplin-locked into a combining relation America. U.S. and some of its Letin steps to clean up the situation i U.S. relations with Brazil, blicked in the Brazilan Itaipú bydro scheme to a point where the short-term Lalio America is locked into a great for decades.

one which could produce diplo- run. matic dividends in Washing-

ton's relations with the Com-munist world and also satisfy an increasingly articulate lobby at

halt the penetration of Marxist ington where he said. "Our start buying arms in quantity junta's most powerful friends, a big borrower from the U.S., ingly difficult to maiotain with ideas and generally orevent the values and yours require us to from the U.S.S.R.

relied on to look after short- find this country, the United than \$75m., a tiny fraction of for human rights violations. term U.S. interests and against Slates of America. eager to the combined military budgets. the status quo. Such interrept which respect human rights and a country as El Salvador are tions happened in Guatemala, which promote democratic not relief to El Salvador are those who threatened in upset stand heside those nations The defences of even so small the Dominican Republic, Brazil ideals,"

and Chile. It was not surprise The Administration had al- The military and question has campaign any farther? And how as much as possible with the tog that governments such as ready made the first moves in however had two important will the Latin dictatorships Western world and with the the Somoza dynasty which has February when it cut aid to political results. It has demon- attempt in riposte if he does? been controlling the Central these governments which most strated that the U.S. is in fact. There can be no doubt that of allowing Brazil to sink or American republic of Nicarasua notoriously disregarded human willing to take a first coocrete if the U.S. President wants to swim with the economies of the

lems. affected which have to a man postures of both the Soviet so far especially if he continues investment by 1.5 companies To such circumstances it was complained of "U.S. interfer. Union and China in Latin to interpret human rights not and the share of Brand's \$30bn.

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Mr. Carter spelled this out ward it would be relying more U.S. The actions of Mr. Carter The trade surplus is normally Americans harbour is home has of necessity called for home has of necessity called for action in Latin America. For decades Washington had in a speech on April 14 at the unsophisticated Brazilian arms Pinochet government have para- the account for services such as them the sort of relationship sought to maintain a status quo Organisation of American suppliers. There were rumbles doxically strengthened the China's freight and insurance. At the free from enticism and carping in Latin America which would States headquarters in Wash- from Brasilia that Brazil could position as one of the Chilean same time the region has been liket likey are funding the region with a speech on the busic from the sort of relationship in Latin America which would States headquarters in Wash- from Brasilia that Brazil could position as one of the Chilean same time the region has been liket likey are funding the work in grants in remain with

promote democratic not going to come tumbling The question now is will Mr. scious policy of integrating the down at such a trumpet hlast. Carter press his buman rights external sector of their economy

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great for decades. The Carter policy of embrace and where the writ of the Mon. nuclear deal with West Ger- orders from the Argentines. U.S. itself may be affected. Latin U.S. The right-wing govern-ing the human rights issue as noe Doctrice was supposed to many, one which could produce diplo-Chile, whose official U.S. aid Communists in Brasilia and the U.S. economy has tradition. Washington, was formally terminated last Buenos Aires as relations ally run a large halance of trade

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U.S. in particular with the aim the

Since General Pinochet's coup an area which American banks the U.S. In this context it must ideas and generally orerent the values and yours require us to from the U.S.S.R. region hecoming a nuisance combal abuses of individual while the U.S. was fully occup. individual interest the tween Wasbington and the Latin the Source General Phochet's coup an area which American banks the U.S. In this context it must have been encouraging for them in 1973 and Chile's hreak with have often prospered mightly. This could be exemplified by the the source of the phochet's coup an area which American banks the U.S. In this context it must have been encouraging for them the Source General Phochet's coup an area which American banks the U.S. In this context it must have been encouraging for them the Source Union, China, spot-the Source the junta with hig Brazil alone generated 13 per those values will naturally in-something symbolic rather than and large loans. This strategy necessitated open or covert diplomatic and countries of this hemisphere and throughout the world, and the five countries came to less ide of politicians who coold he throughout the world you will the Source Countries came to less for human rights violations. Since General Phochet's coup an area which American banks the U.S. In this context it must have been encouraging for them the Source Coup of the phochet's coup an area which American banks the U.S. In this context it must have been encouraging for them in the Quai d'Orsay supported the junta with hig Brazil alone generated 13 per supported the junta with hig Brazil alone generated 13 per supported the junta with hig Brazil alone generated 14 per something symbolic rather than and large loans. Neither the Soviet Union nor business community has mobil-sign that France wauld step in, as West Germany had already sign that France would step in, as West Germany had already sign that france wave the five countries came to less for human rights violations. In the first shiele which were

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to supply products which were

But in Western Europe, as in the U.S. the opponents of the Latio American dictatorships are mobilising and are even tually hoping to prevail on European governments to adopt same altillides towards human rights in the region (bat Mr. Carter has done Some are hoping that covernments such as those in Chile and Argentina

will eventually name to be treated much on the same terms as Dr. Vorster is now being treated. The attitudes of the Social Democratic leaders within the Socialist International which is now lead by former Chancel-Inr Willi Brandl are already hardening towards the dictator ships of the rezton.

It is possible that politicians and businessmen in Western Europe are no the verge of a dehate about relations with Latin America comparable to the one already started in the The Financial Times Friday May 6 1977

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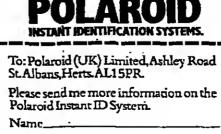
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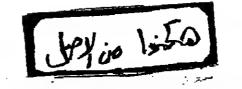
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Sharp fall in coffee market By Our Commodities Staff

CONCERN over possible con-sumption cotbacks brought a further sharp fall in coffee futures prices yesterday. By the close the July position was E227.5 down at £3,195 a tonne-Nearby values have fallen ner £800 in the past two weeks and are now over £1,000 below the all-time peaks reached in mid-Harch.

March. Wednesday's rally was sus-tained in early dealings and Jaly coffee climbed to £3,500 a tonne in the morning. Bot the market failed 10 consolidate the grin, and scattered trade celling developed into a unjor aclioff so the rises had been

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the January/April period rose to 5.9m. bags (60 kilos each) worth \$1.38bn.. from .3.35m. bags worth \$387m. io the same period of 1976. The worst coffee shortage.

of this century will bit the world by the end of Septem-ber. Sr. Finsto Cantu Pena. Director of the Mexican Coffee Institute said in Sao Snivndor reports UPI. The official said that oeither

Mexico nor the world's collect producers were wortied by a recent decline io prices, because it obeyed a "techni-cal adjustment." He odded: "Next year, and because of the. orute shortage, coffee prices will again rise substantially."

India cuts

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RURAL BRITAIN

A different breed of villager

BY JOHN CHERRINGTON, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

STRAW BURNING is a perfectly nppear 10 reinforce this trend. It council house dwellers have to logical agricultural practice. In is almost impossible to start env commute to town to work which many parts of the coustry straw form of small-scale industry is becoming more exponsive is unsaleable at any price which even, t was told, a two-man every year. would ropay the cost of haling maoufacture of spinets. Ooly and transport. The presence of farming bass of far been exemption for them to work on farms, but if nearing to the Letcombe Laho-necording to the Letcombe Laho-ratory of the Agricultural Re-search Gouncil, actually kill the and manure simells. It smells farm based industry which would yet straw burning, even under the huildings where the stock are necessarily close contral. is kept, and it also smells when it anathemn to a great many is heing spread. It was always nitempting to bring in bye-laws had heen keeping livestock on to outlaw the predice. So one would have thaneht they had a wight 'n gn on doing sociely. This situation antains chiefty

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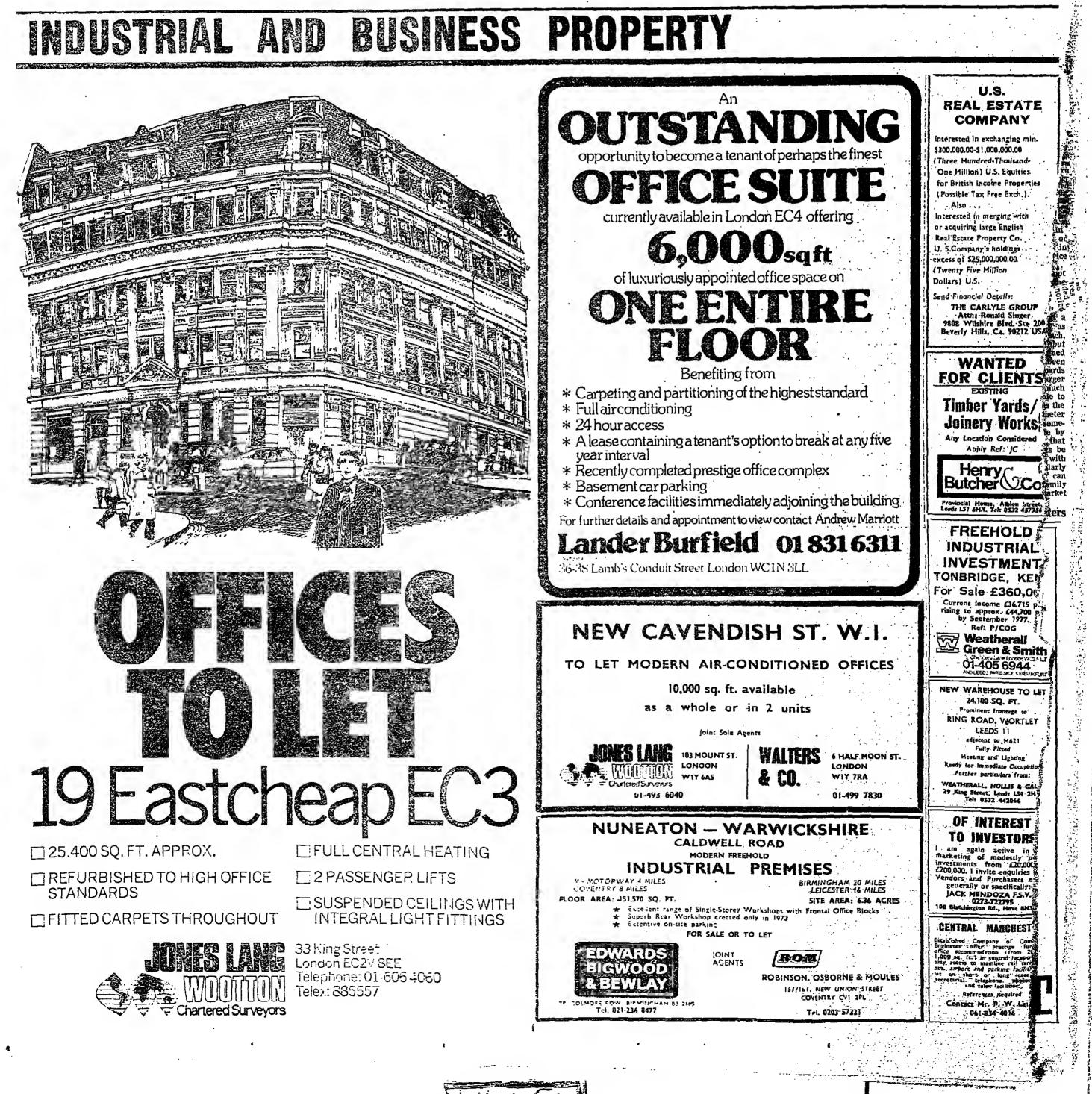
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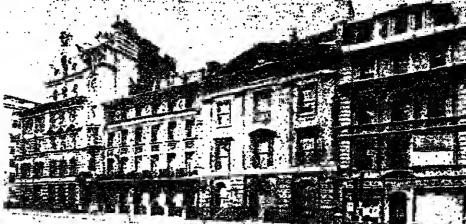
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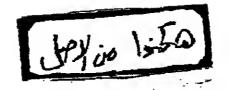
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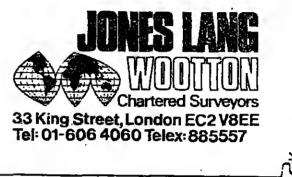




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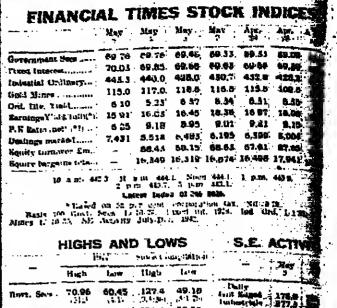
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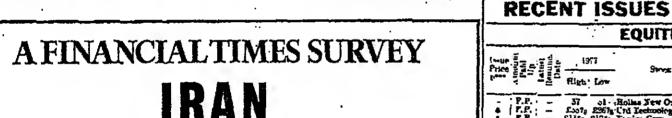
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: The Financial Times is preparing to publish a survey on Iran in its edition of July 25 1977. It will examine political and economic developments in detail: separate articles will be devoted to finance, banking, industry, agriculture and energy. The survey will also include an analysis of Iran's defence policies and of the relationship between oil revenue and the country's economic and foreign aid policies. The main headings of the proposed editorial synopsis' are set out below.

INTRODUCTION The Shah's warning that reduced oil revenue will affect economic development policies, foreign aid and Iran's aim to play a wider regional role; the first ever cut in defence expenditure; the political situation.

THE ECONOMY Economic growth has slowed but, at 13 per cent, is still very high. With the fifth five year plan in its final year, the next plan is expected to aim for slower growth: key sectors will be the development of steel and petrochemicals.

FINANCE The budget envisages a deficit for the second successive year, indicating a major switch to domestic and foreign borrowing. Iran is trving to rely less on oil revenues, conservatively estimated at \$19.5bn. this year.

BANKING The central bank is anxious for the banking system to play a greater part in economic development. Specialised banks such as IMDBI and ADB are playing an increasingly important part as borrowers abroad and in providing development finance.

DEFENCE Iran is building the most modern force in the region. Defence imports are running at over \$3bn. a year.

OIL AND GAS Iran is OPEC's second biggest producer but the issue of renegotiating an agreement with the consortium remains unresolved. The problem of sustaining productivity of wells and the cost of reinjection methods are factors in Iran's investment plans.

ENERGY Nuclear energy is seen as a major source of power in the 1990s. A German built nuclear plant is being completed but there are delays on a French nuclear deal and talks with the United States are stalled.

PETROCHEMICALS Petrochemicals are seen as a major source of export earnings and as the chief means of gaining added value from hydrocarbons.

INDUSTRY Industry is increasingly important in terms of GDP. The state plays a significant part in financing ventures and there is a need to encourage private investment.

AGRICULTURE Growth in agriculture, the most neglected sector of the economy, is believed to be well below the official figure of 7 per cent. There is an increasing dependence on imports of foodstuffs.

TRADE Imports into Iran, the largest market in the Middle East, slowed down in 1976, and the trend appears to be continuing. Barter deals are taking on increasing importance as a means of gaining contracts.

INFRASTRUCTURE The Government is placing particular stress on port expansion, including a new port at Bandar Abbas.

The proposed publication date is July 25; copy date is July 8, 1977. For further details of the synopsis and advertisement rates contact Peter Minett, 01-248 8000, extension 360. Financial Times, Bracken House, 10, Cannon Street, London EC4P 4BY. Telex: 885033.

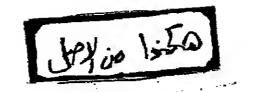
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9914	. 2	Building Materials (29)	146.22	+2,0	18,28	7.87	8.10	143.42	141.17	141.39	12
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	11	OURABLE BOODS	159.12	+2.7	17.77	5.17	3.38	155.61	153.28	201.3	Ľ
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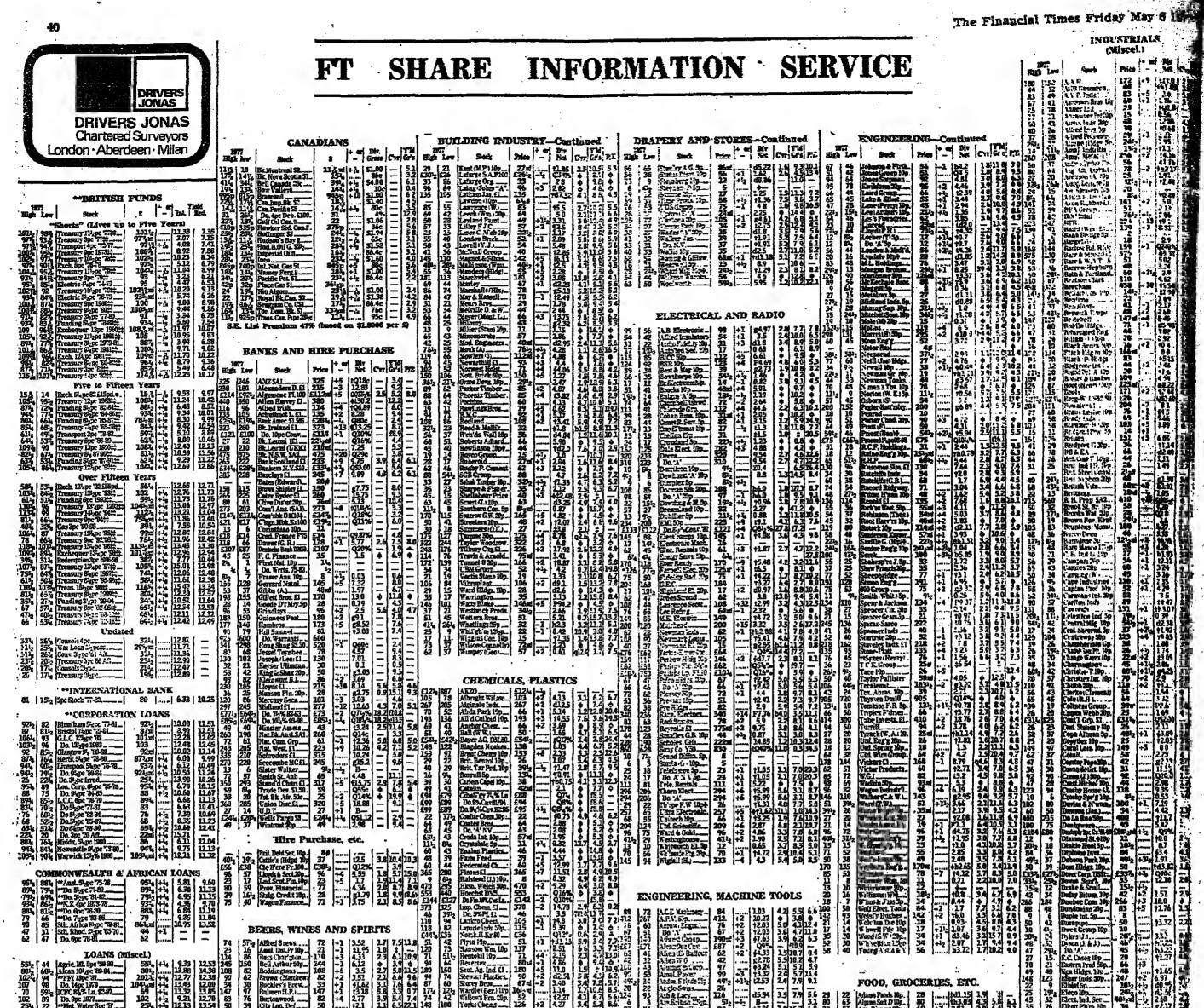
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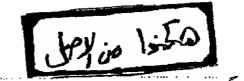
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WASHINGTON, CO. DUBHAM, PREPARES FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TODAY Almost like when Sunderland won the Cup

BY IAN GREACH

THE NORTH EAST has a flair for treating the rest of the world as it treats its own - with unceremonious goodwill. But the people of Washington New Town have in the last two or three days woken up lo the fact that, for threequarters of an hour this afternoon, they will be living in the most important placa in the non-Communist world.

In truth, they probably thought, like the rest of us, they already did. But the cups of tea, glasses of brown ale, and hearty commonseuse that has sufficed for monarchs, prime ministers, pop stara and anyone else who cared to visit the area, no longer seem enough. Jimmy Carter is coming

To this other Washington bas come the panoply, hardware, and stark reality of the American President's office. More than 200m. of his fellow citizens may want to watch — on live breakfast television newscasts — what their leader is up to. He may want to talk to his generals. Mr. Brezhnev may want to talk to him.

So this community of 46,000 people will, for a moment or two, be at the operational heart of the most elaborate communication system in existence. And, since not everybody loves a president - not even one as oslensibly lovable as Mr. Carter is - the place also bas to become a garrison.

People here are proud that the president. on his way to the London summit and passing even more briefly through Newcastle-npon-Tyne and Suoderland, should have chosen first to visit the ancestral home of his country's very first president, George Washington.

Sense of occasion

Only in the last few bours before the visit, however, has the sensa of occasion hegun to grip the town. On the village green, where Mr. Carter will talk to local people, workmen yesterday were laying fresh turf, painting the fences, and repairing the pavements, excavated to connect tons of extra telecommunication equipment into the Post Office network.

Suddenly, the scale of the operation has become apparent, with 350 journalists, a dozen television



Old Glory is raised at Washington Old Hall.

crews, and 70 White Hnuse agents and aides expected to crowd into this tiny enclave close by the Old Hall, where the de Wessyngton family lived 800 years ago.

President Carter will on inside the hall and sign the visitor's book (G. Archer, of Whitley Bay, last to put a name on its pages before the camera crews took over the place, will no doubt dine out on the accidental honour). He will plant a tree. So will Mr. Callaghan. The two trees are to be trained to meet in a commemorative arboreal arch. Ha may shake a few hands and even step inside

the Washington Arms, one of the village's two public bouses.

No one, least of all the nervous security men in their rimless glasses and short-sleeved shirts, can be wholly sure what Mr. Carter will do. And if he should need the hot line one will be available the regulation one-minute's distance away in the village pottery.

Dave Gibson, who owns the pottery, is perhaps hoping that he will, since he has made a fruit buwl which he hopes to present to Mr. Carter : "He can use it for puts if he wants, of course."

Best in planning

What Mr. Carter will not see much of - and what will he missed by most of the accompanying visitors, observers, and pressmen-is a community that has combined much of that which is best in

both British and American town planning. Based on a string of derelict mining villages. Washington New Town was designated only as recently as 1964. Since then, it has become something of a touchstone in development planning, striving and largely succeeding in creating a new environment in which to work and live."

Not for nothing are the wails of its Development Corporation's offices plastered with design and architectural awards. Cited in the Skeffington Report as an object lesson in participatory planning, it has slso succeeded in attracting a balance of light and medium industrial investment including several American companies, of which Timex and RCA are the most prominent.

With 145 new companies. a population that rows by 5,000 a year, a system of self-managed villages, and an enlightened approach to the provision of environmental checks and balances, it is a pity that it cannot be shown off to Mr. Carter and thus to the world.

For that is the consequence of a visit anywhere by the president — almost unlimited publicity. And, to he fair new Washingtonians are grateful. Only one man, working on preparations for

filming by the village green, voiced reservations. "I suppose," be said, conceding the possibility at last, "that there is a sense of excitement. It's almost like the year Sunderland won the Cup."

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Akzo's nel profits are almost balved and those of Hoescht AG are 2.3 per cent lawer at DM210m., which fits in with the lower earnings trend reported by most of the U.S. chemical majors last month. At the start of the year Hoechst was nperating its plant at 73 per cent. capacity and though this has since crept up, average utilisation in the first quarter was still three points lower than last summer. Then the German industry was talking in terms cent .- National and Commerof 12 per cent, volume growth in 1977 but Hoescht is now say-

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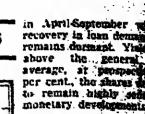
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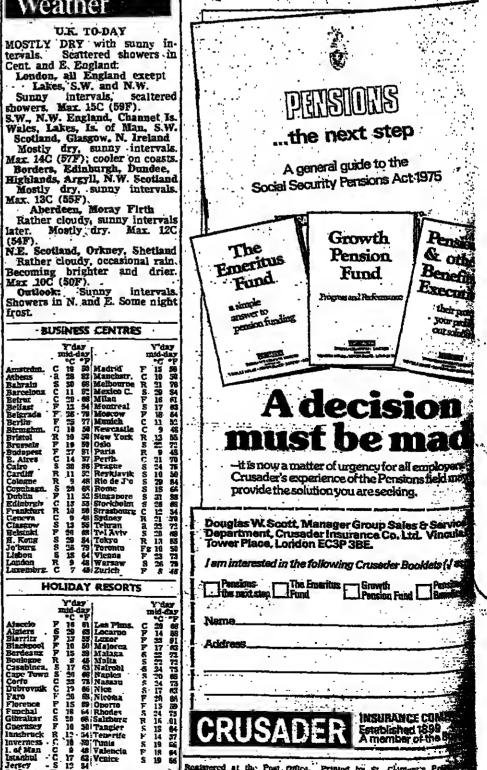
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-BY MAX WILKINSON

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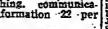
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